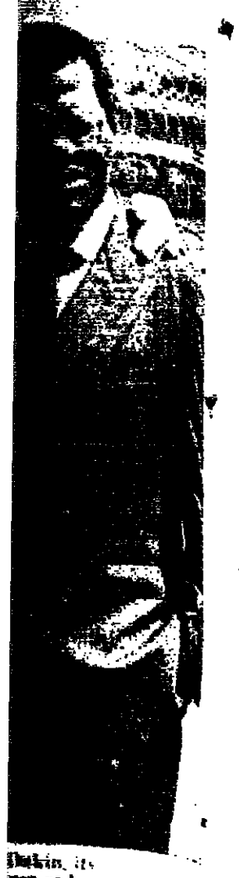
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Collusion on interest rates discounted

'High-handed' banks cleared of unfair trading

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE high street banks were accused yesterday of being insensitive and high-handed towards small businesses, but the Office of Fair Trading cleared them of collusion in fixing interest rates.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the OFT's director general, said a review of bank practices had uncovered no grounds for action under competition laws, but he remained concerned about the number of complaints about high charges and poor service.

Sir Gordon's review was undertaken at the request of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, after widespread complaints that banks were failing to pass on interest rate cuts to customers. The Treasury and the Bank of England had already conducted their own review and Sir Gordon's statement yesterday lifted the threat of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry.

But having received more than 350 complaints from businessmen, he said: "I am concerned about the volume of complaints on hidden or opaque charging, lack of notice about charges, reduction of facilites at short notice and other examples of insensitive or high-handed behaviour."

Businessmen across the country had complained that they were being overcharged on loans and overdrafts, and not told about increases in charges. The Treasury report concluded, however, that only a minority had not received the full benefit of interest rate cuts. The banks argued that interest margins on some loans had been increased to compensate for the risk of lending in the recession and for bad debts they are suffering from company failures.

Mr Lamont, who commissioned the OFT review in July, also asked the banks to draw up codes of practice to improve their service to small companies. Sir Gordon yesterday backed that idea, saying: "Effective codes of practice should give customers more assurance that they will be treated reasonably and fairly."

Midland Bank issued the first such code last week, pledging to publish a price list of its main services, give a month's notice of any change in prices, explain the bank's complaints procedure and to send details of its terms to business customers. The bank welcomed the OFT's finding that there were no grounds for legal action, saying: "We accept that concern exists about the banks' dealings with customers, but we believe our charter will go a long way to correcting any shortcomings."

Jane Bradford, of National Westminster, said: "There are occasions when we have communicated with our customers less sensitively than they should expect," but added: "The recession is bound to place tension on the banker/customer relationship."

Sir William Clark, chairman of the Conservative backbench finance committee, said: "There is no question about it, there is evidence that many small businesses are callously treated by the banks." He hoped that Sir Gordon's criticism would spur the banks to improve the way they treated small companies.

Majorie Mowlam, Labour's spokeswoman on City affairs, said small business still had cause for complaint. A Labour government would introduce a single code of practice to govern the banks' operations and introduce a chain of "one-stop shops" that would advise small businesses on finance and provide commercial loans.

Stan Mendham, of the Forum for Private Business, said that banks were still using unfair bargaining power. "The OFT has missed the trick. Small companies do not need a charter with their bank but a legally enforceable contract to protect their interests."

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CHRIS HARRIS

Confrontation: Seymour Hersh and Faber & Faber's publishing chairman Matthew Evans

Spy author takes on the press at their own game

The so-called Mirrorgate affair opponents came out fighting yesterday reports ***Lin Jenkins***

Seymour M Hersh, American author of *The Samson Option*, flew into London yesterday and flaunted his investigative journalist skills like a baited bear before an onslaught of questions from those aggrieved and those curious.

The press conference to defend the allegations in his book provided the men from the *Daily Mirror* with their first chance to challenge his claims. Nick Davies, foreign editor of the paper had also flown to London yesterday, but was not present. In his corner were his deputy Mark Downey, news editor Steve Lynas, reporter Harry Arnold and, sitting quietly in the corner until the brawl ended, a legal representative who played the last move, serving writs for libel on Mr Hersh on behalf of the Mirror group, publisher Robert Maxwell and Mr Davies.

Mr Hersh's opening gambit was to defend Mr Davies's former wife, the actress Janet Fielding, explaining that she had long refused to talk to him and did so only after he had all but completed the book. She had not been paid, he added. "You will find that she is highly principled and would find it immoral to do so."

He held aloft a copy of the *Daily Mirror* with its denial from William Johnson, an American arms dealer, that he had ever met Mr Davies, and that a letter in circulation discussing a multi-million pound deal for the supply of 30 howitzers by Armtec International, based in Columbus, Ohio, was a forgery.

Mr Hersh claimed photographs linking the two were in the hands of the *Daily Mail* and that Mr Johnson had identified Mr Davies to a reporter on the *Financial Times*, although Mr Johnson was now unavailable, having gone to Canada for two months. The *FT* reporter called from the back of the room that he could confirm this, and Paul Halloran from *Private Eye* said he had been told the same.

Mr Hersh defended the validity of a telex sent to Iran from the Hilton hotel, London, appointing Nicholas Davies as an agent for arms deals with Iran. The *Daily Mirror* claimed it contained errors in the passport details, naming his father as Brian, instead of Ronald Sydney, getting his mother's name wrong and quoting the wrong passport number. Nick Davies, he said, had at least two passports.

He said that both Mr Davies and Ari Ben-Manashe, an Israeli citizen, with whom he is alleged to have set up Ora Limited to conduct arms sales, and who is the source of the allegations, found it useful for such mistakes to exist. "In their business transactions around the world Ben-Menashe and Nick found it very useful to misspell names. This did two things for them. It avoided their names being filed centrally on a computer index and gave them the obvious ability to make a disclaimer if a letter got into somebody's hands."

He said he had spoken to over a dozen people in different countries who confirmed Mr Ben-Menashe's account of an "extraordinary worldwide organisation" and "an on-going relationship in the selling of

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Shamir relays a hardline message

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

IN DECIDING to lead Israel's delegation at next week's Middle East conference in Madrid, *Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister*, has sent an unequivocal message to Arab *leaders that they must not* expect any concessions from the Jewish state.

It emerged yesterday, as the prime minister's office completed the list of delegates to represent Israel, that Mr Shamir is assembling a team which will represent each main facet of Israeli rightwing political thought from the pioneering Jewish settlers' movement to the backroom architects of rightwing ideology.

The move, described by one Hebrew newspaper as "going to Madrid on two right feet", is intended to ease fears among the small, but influential extremist parties in the government coalition who have campaigned against the conference. They believe that it will force Israel into making unacceptable territorial compromises with the Arab states and the Palestinians.

The Israeli team is expected to include Israel Harel, the head of the council of Jewish communities in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza [the occupied territories], Yossi Ben-Aharon, the prime minister's director-general and one of the toughest ideologues in the government, as well as Likud members of the Knesset outside the cabinet who have rejected the American-led peace initiative until now.

The victim of the last-minute swing to the right was David Levy, the foreign minister, who has worked hardest in the government to lead the country to the conference, but he also succeeded in alienating the prime minister and his rightwing supporters. "There is no need for doves at Madrid," said Rehavam Zeevi, the leader of the tiny far-right Moledet party, who took some credit for squeezing out Mr Levy and his officials.

Senior officials said yesterday that Mr Levy was smarting from his public humiliation, but that he would remain in office and increase efforts to challenge Mr Shamir for the leadership, a campaign which could gather momentum if the talks are fruitless and Mr Shamir is blamed for his provocative opening move. In addition, the Israeli leader may have made life more difficult for his supporters in the rejectionist camp because they will be expected to present their views under the scrutiny of the world media and under pressure from America to offer concessions.

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Warning of clash over jails

By QUENTIN COWDRY

THE Home Office might be heading for a great confrontation with the Prison Officers' Association over the running of jails in England and Wales, the service's director has told *The Times*.

In a candid interview, Joe Pilling said there was a chance that long-running disputes over staffing levels could flare up into a full-scale clash between the Home Office and the union. If this happened, though, it would not be at the instigation of ministers or the prison department.

"I think I would be foolish to say for sure that the prison service can work its way through to a better relationship between management and unions without some great confrontation," he said.

Mr Pilling, who took charge of the service last month, said an astonishing amount of effort was wasted because of disputes. Management also needed to be urgently improved and tensions between headquarters and operational staff resolved.

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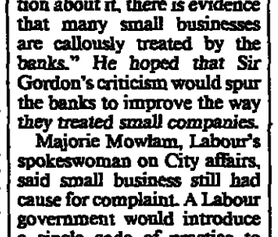
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Children teach their parents how to shop

By RAY CLANCY

CHILDREN are aware and sophisticated consumers able to influence their parents when it comes to buying food, environmentally friendly products and the latest fashions in clothes and footwear, according to a report published yesterday.

Television advertisements, peers and school have a more powerful influence on children than their parents, to such an extent that parents are prepared to listen to their children's demands and take them on board if they are rational and justified, says the market researcher Mintel, which found that comparisons with surveys in previous decades showed the Nineties child to be more concerned about the environment, more likely to want to be a vegetarian and to have a healthy lifestyle.

Television personalities such as Pamela Stephenson, the comedienne who started the Parents for Safe Food pressure group in 1989, can have more influence than parents. Her endorsement of organic and green products can lead to children asking their mothers why they do not buy the same things at the supermarket.

Parents are also more likely to listen to the opinions of their children. "As well as respecting their children's individuality, they often admire their knowledge or taste," said Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager.

One of the main areas where children's influence rubs off on their parents' is green issues. "I sent my son (aged 10) down to the shops for toilet paper and he came back with this recycled stuff... He said he bought it because it would save the trees. I was quite astonished," one mother told researchers.

Children begin influencing their parents at an early age, and food is usually the first area of conflict. Many working mothers are prepared to indulge their children's whims in return for an easy life. Mintel found that 10 per cent of teenagers are vegetarian and, in general, their parents are happy about it.

Fewer children are eating school meals. The number taking packed lunches to school has more than doubled since 1979. More children are also eating out, because their parents are eager for them to learn about socialising and preparing for an adult world. It is not uncommon for children as young as five to be taken to restaurants.

After food, clothes become a big area of influence, especially after school age. Girls tend to become fashion conscious from the age of five, while boys

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Stephenson: influence on green buying decisions

Pupils aged 11 to get lessons on Aids

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN will be taught about Aids from the age of 11 under guidelines for the national curriculum published yesterday.

Compulsory coverage of HIV was among the topics in the science curriculum for 11 to 14-year-olds put forward in draft form by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. Inclusion had been recommended by the National Curriculum Council.

While Aids campaigners welcomed the change, some family groups were highly critical. Dr Adrian Rogers, of the Conservative Family Campaign, said the group was likely to protest to Mr Clarke. "This assumes parents are negligent and incapable of giving their own children the right message."

Dr Rogers said that he feared teachers would promote safe sex as a means to avoid Aids when the only true method was to adopt moral behaviour.

Margaret Jay, director of the National Aids Trust, said that the change was "a step forward, but only a small one". The trust has campaigned for sex education to be made compulsory in schools, with Aids sufferers brought into classrooms to show the reality of the disease.

There has been pressure to include Aids in the national curriculum after the apparent failure of government media campaigns on the subject. Until now, sex education has been at the discretion of school governors. Under Mr Clarke's plans, teaching about HIV would be included in a national curriculum topic on "life and living".

The curriculum council's proposals highlighted HIV as one of the viruses that could affect the body, rather than as an element in sex education. Its submission, made a month ago, said: "Pupils should extend their study of the ways in which the healthy functioning of the human body may be affected by diet, lifestyle, bacteria and viruses (including HIV), the abuse of solvents, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, and how the body's natural defences may be enhanced by immunisation and medicines."

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Star chamber threat for ministers still haggling over cash

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

BIG differences between the Treasury and some spending departments are holding up a government decision on the date of the Chancellor's autumn statement on next year's spending plans.

For the first time this *autumn, senior* Whitehall sources yesterday raised the prospect of the star chamber, the ministerial public spending court, having to be set up to arbitrate on unresolved bids. David Mellor, the chief secretary, is still locked in dispute with William Waldegrave, the health secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, and Michael Howard, the employment secretary.

The threat of the star chamber underlined the Treasury's determination to stop next year's planning total of £215 billion being exceeded to an unacceptable degree. It also demonstrated that the final stages appear to be proving more awkward than expected.

Senior ministers are already reconciled to a substantial overshoot after bids some £15 billion above the planning figure. The Treasury, however, is reluctant to allow it to go more than £7 billion or £8 billion higher because of the wrong signals it would send to the City about the government's attitude to inflation.

The Treasury remained hopeful last night that agreement would be reached in time for Norman Lamont to deliver the autumn statement as early as November 6. An informed source, however, said: "The sums at stake are still significant – significant enough to require the calling of the star chamber."

John MacGregor, the Commons leader and former chief secretary, is expected to be appointed by John Major as the star chamber chairman if it is called into action. The mere threat of the star chamber has in the past, however, persuaded ministers to settle with the chief secretary.

Earlier this week government sources had voiced the hope that the talks would have progressed far enough for Mr Mellor to give his cabinet colleagues an update yesterday. In the event, public spending was not discussed.

Mr Waldegrave is understood to have submitted a bid some £3 billion higher than the figure earmarked in the planning total. He has settled some aspects of his bid, but other areas are still unresolved. More than half the health budget goes on pay and the health secretary will be anxious to have enough money to meet politically sensitive pay awards for doctors and nurses which will be decided shortly before the general election.

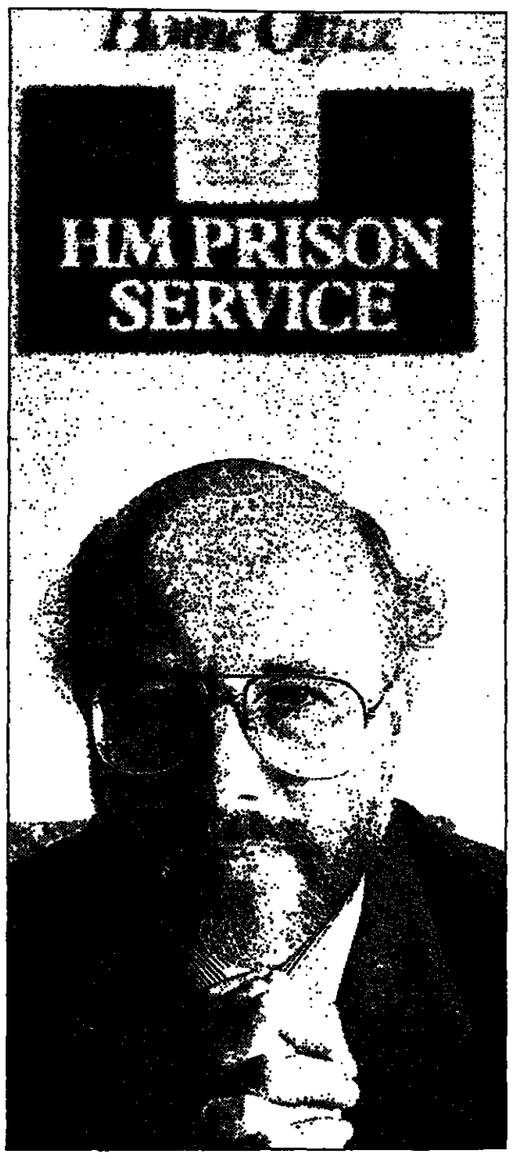
Mr Rifkind is understood to be holding out for substantial sums for British Rail investment, key road projects, rail fares subsidies in the South-East and new Underground lines in London.

Mr Howard is still battling to head off Treasury demands for a £1.1 billion cut in the training budget over the next three years. Mr Mellor has argued that employers should bear a bigger share of training costs. He has in his sights both employment training for the long-term jobless and youth training. Mr Howard is understood to be resisting strongly reductions in these areas and is examining the scope for cuts elsewhere in his budget by, for example, trimming the department's overall running costs.

However, it seems unlikely that Mr Howard will take his case to the spending court. One insider said yesterday: "I don't think the gap is in star chamber territory."

Prisons chief leaves a door open

The Times has been exploring prisons' poor industrial relations. **Quentin Cowdry** meets the new director



Inside story: Pilling, who cannot discount some great confrontation between union and management

JOE Pilling, the recently installed director of the prison service in England and Wales, is remarkably relaxed for a man whose empire seems at risk of drifting again into vicious civil war. Suspiciously relaxed, perhaps.

His insouciance partly stems, no doubt, from a sense of resignation: the past few years have seen the government and the Prison Officers' Association inch ever closer to outright conflict as the union's guerrilla war over alleged staff shortages has spread and ministers' patience with the hugely expensive and accident-prone prison system has thinned.

Recently, however, signs have emerged that ministers would not be displeased if the predicted showdown came before the general election. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, and Angela Rumbold, his hawkish prisons minister, have been confiding privately that they would like to "break" the association and plans to recognise the breakaway Prison Service Union have been brought forward.

At establishment level, governors – struggling to settle disputes in 45 of the 123 English and Welsh jails – have toughened their stance. When the governor of Wakefield jail threatened on Monday to suspend staff if they continued a work-to-rule, he did so having received a personal pledge of support from Mr Baker.

Such straws in the wind have persuaded some political observers that John Major might just see merit in tackling the association now. Could the humbling of John Bartell, the association's chairman, do for the Tories in the election what the squashing of General Galtieri did in 1983?

Mr Pilling, predictably, discounts the conspiracy theory. Wakefield's governor, he said, had needed no encouragement to give his staff an ultimatum, having put up with seven months of industrial action. If police had had to be drafted in to run the jail it would not have been a "first".

However, there was little attempt to dispel the feeling that a full-scale clash may be imminent in spite of the huge risks involved. When the Home Office last took on the Prison Officers' Association nationally, in April 1986, riots erupted in 47 jails. "I think I would be foolish to say for sure that the prison service can work its way through to a better relationship between management and unions without some great confrontation," Mr Pilling said, choosing his words with care. "It's something the service will be prepared for, but it will not be of management's making and, I'm sure, not of the home secretary's making."

Although highly critical of the association's intransigent, adversarial approach, Mr Pilling accepts that the public under-values prison officers. Lack of job status, combined with the ever present risk of being assaulted by inmates, has bred defensiveness and a fierce sense of group identity akin to that felt by miners.

Mr Pilling maintains, however, that the association's "militancy" is not party political. "Officers are, on the whole, small 'c' conservative members of society. They are not political extremists." Mr Pilling, whose elfin stature belies his formidable intellect and negotiating abilities, is unwilling to lay all the prison department's troubles at the association's door.

He identifies the service's biggest weakness as being its lack of a strong corporate identity and the suspicion and often downright antagonism that divides its 2,000 headquarters staff and its 32,000 governors and officers. Management, he believes, must largely shoulder the blame for such disunity.

He believes the service can heal its wounds and unite around Lord Justice Woolf's prison reform agenda if the association finally accepts that its behaviour is self-defeating and managers at all levels display show strong visible, leadership – a need highlighted by Woolf.

Mr Pilling suggested, however, and with surprising candour, that completion of the task might require a further distancing of his department from the Home Office. The transformation of the department into an executive agency, giving it, in particular, greater financial flexibility, would help, he said.

"One of problems with the prison service is that it is directly driven by civil servants and largely made up of civil servants. This can produce a certain ambiguity of role for us," he said. Other important public services such as the police and the national health service were equally accountable to Parliament, but enjoyed greater operational freedom.

Asked how much ministers interfered with his work, he replied, with a broad smile: "They are closely involved in my work in a way which I find refreshing and invigorating."

Mr Pilling, aged 45, a career administrator who joined the civil service after graduating from London University, denied claims that he was unenthusiastic about penal reform. When, soon after taking charge of the service last month, he had visited Brixton jail's notorious psychiatric wing, he had decided immediately that disturbed people could not be held in such conditions. By next spring all mentally disturbed prisoners sent to London jails will be held in prison hospitals.

He emphasised, however, that he was anxious to fulfil *both* parts of the service's statement of purpose. "We must hold inmates secure and try to ensure that we reduce the chances of them reoffending after release."

Super solicitors to help you check out

By BILL FROST



Will Power: ready to talk death at the till

SUPERMARKET shoppers are to be accosted for the next week by solicitors, wearing turquoise Lycra body-stockings, black cod-pieces and flowing white satin capes, urging them to make a will.

A flamboyant Law Society campaign, aimed at ensuring fewer of us die intestate, will transform those sober professionals to ply their trade as superhero Will Power at Safeway stores in Cambridge, Preston and Peterborough.

Not every solicitor playing a part in the campaign is willing to dress up. The vast majority will stick to the dark suit as they set up their stalls at 100 supermarkets from the far north to the tip of Cornwall.

The campaign has been prompted by a Gallup survey which shows that fewer than one in three adults has made a will – many for the simple reason that they prefer not to think about death.

Make a Will week, which begins tomorrow, will cost the Law Society £200,000. But, if the campaign succeeds, solicitors stand to reap a rich harvest. The average cost of making a will is about £50 and there are hundreds of thousands out there who have not.

To encourage the falterers, the Law Society, keen on promoting post-life extravagance, yesterday produced a list of interesting things one can do with one's goods and chattels after death. A Texas oil millionaire's wife demanded that she be laid to rest at the wheel of her favourite Ferrari, wearing her best lace nightgown. At the other extreme is the woman who chose to be buried with components from her Ford Anglia.

Teachers' pay restraint urged

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday confirmed its determination to hold down public sector salaries in a tough submission to the new teachers' pay review body.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, countered a series of high pay claims from teachers' unions with a plea to the review body for restraint to make room for more performance-related pay. Without putting a figure on a suggested rise, his submission pointed to a "need for a further significant downward adjustment in pay settlements in the public, as in the private, sector".

The three largest teaching unions have put in for rises of over 15 per cent. Mr Clarke, however, cited the easing of teacher shortages, lower inflation and more moderate pay settlements in support of a much smaller increase.

The government's evidence to the review body called for performance-related pay to become an integral part of school management and a central feature of pay.

"The resources for performance related pay should be found by devoting a larger proportion of the pay bill to discretionary payments, rather than through higher increases in the total pay bill than would otherwise be the case." While admitting that governors faced complications in the implementation of rewards for performance for classroom teachers, Mr Clarke said that heads and deputies could already have their salaries related to a two-year appraisal cycle.

Mr Clarke took issue with headteachers and governors who have claimed that low pay is holding down the quality of recruits to the teaching force. "Quality cannot be assessed purely in statistical terms; there is, for instance, no simple relationship between academic qualifications and performance in the classroom."

Although Mr Clarke conceded that shortages of secondary teachers would persist in some subjects, he maintained that official forecasts suggested no difficulties in primary schools.

Policy of community care is criticised

By NICK NUTTALL

MOVING schizophrenics from long-term institutions into the community is having worrying results on their lives, according to a report published today in the *British Medical Journal*.

Studies by a team at St Thomas's and Guy's hospitals in London appear to support critics who have argued that the policy, which has been in effect in Britain and America since the 1960s, contributes to homelessness and crime.

Of 140 schizophrenics studied, more than a fifth were functioning at very poor or severely maladjusted levels one year after being discharged from hospital.

Over a half were suffering from psychotic mental conditions. Nearly 90 per cent were unemployed and two were homeless. Four had been imprisoned and four had died during the study, three of them in apparent suicides.

Most still had contact with a health professional after release but only 16 per cent were in halfway houses, places that are considered the first staging post after being institutionalised. Instead over three quarters went from the institution and straight to a boarding house or other independent type of accommodation with no support staff.

"As access to a full range of supported housing is a cornerstone of successful community care, these findings are not reassuring and further study of the detailed requirements for supported housing is urgently needed," the researchers say.

The study covered patients in the inner London districts of west Lambeth and Lewisham, which are among the most socially deprived areas in Britain. The patients surveyed were aged 18 to 65 and had been discharged between November 1987 and April 1989. Most, nearly 70 per cent, said they were living alone.

Hit-and-run baby doing well



Mr and Mrs Levin and their daughter Francesca

A BABY delivered by caesarean section after her mother was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident was said to be very well in hospital yesterday. The mother, Patricia Levin, has not recovered consciousness since suffering head, leg and pelvic injuries in the incident on Tuesday and has not seen 6lb 13oz Francesca, her first child.

She was due to give birth in two weeks' time but surgeons at Guy's Hospital, London, operated to deliver her child because of concern about the injuries she suffered after being knocked down near her home in Westwood Park, southeast London. Mrs Levin, an Argentinian language teacher, was said to be in a serious but stable condition in the intensive care unit.

Nurses have told her she has a daughter but do not know whether she is able to hear them. Her husband Michael said: "My wife was really enjoying her pregnancy. Our life together was just perfect. It is a blessing the baby is OK. She's a little version of her mother. I am very concerned for my wife."

Police investigating the incident are looking for a red Ford Fiesta which was being driven by a white woman aged about 40.

Banks and small businesses

Bounced cheque dooms firm

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LAST week David Rowland was a director of a thriving stone masonry company in Bristol with 15 employees and annual sales of £1.2 million. Yesterday Midland Bank sent receivers into the company.

Mr Rowland feels he has been a victim of the insensitive and high-handed behaviour of the banks which has been criticised by the Office of Fair Trading. He and his solicitor are now seriously considering legal action against Midland.

The dispute between Rowland Stone, his company, and Midland began six weeks ago when the company and its accountants met the bank to renew its £100,000 overdraft for another year. The manager at Midland's commercial branch in Bristol asked Mr Rowland and his brother, the company's other director, to put up their houses as security to guarantee the loan as it was concerned about the firm's future. Mr Rowland and his brother rejected the demand but offered to put up the company's assets as additional security.

The manager was, however, insistent and Mr Rowland called in his solicitor to help to negotiate. Matters came to a head last week when the bank wrote to the brothers and told them they had 48 hours to put their homes up as security on the overdraft.

When the day came, Mr Rowland asked for more time, but by then it was too late. The bank bounced a cheque to a supplier which would have put the company less than £500 above its agreed overdraft, even though they had funds which they were waiting to pay into their account.

A bounced cheque normally destroys a company in the construction industry, and Rowland Stone was no exception. Last weekend, as news of the cheque spread, the company's contract labour was withdrawn and it was thrown of many of the sites where it had been working.

By Monday, Mr Rowland had no choice but to tell the bank that his company was illiquid and asked them to call in the receivers. Ernst & Young arrived yesterday.

"We think it is crazy to sacrifice a company for the sake of £500," said Mr Rowland. "We feel the bank has just not acted responsibly."

The bank refused to comment due to customer confidentiality.

Protest at IRA raid threatens benefits

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

INDUSTRIAL action by Northern Ireland civil servants in the wake of an IRA attack on a social security fraud officer in County Tyrone on Tuesday is threatening to seriously disrupt the claims of thousands of people in central London.

Yesterday Jeremy Hanley, the minister for health and social services at the Northern Ireland Office, accused the IRA of indirectly disrupting the lives of tens of thousands of people in London who rely on the social security system for a range of benefits.

Mr Hanley said he sympathised with the decision of staff at social security offices throughout the province and at a centre in Belfast, which processes claims for central London, to close their offices in protest at the attack, but expressed his concern at the "undesirable" consequences.

The walk-out began after three masked IRA men burst into a social security office in Pomeroy, County Tyrone, on Tuesday and dragged a fraud officer outside. They kicked and beat the man, who was treated in hospital for lacerations and bruising.

The IRA said they carried out the attack in protest at what the organisation claimed was the "harassment" of the public by DHSS fraud prevention staff.

Costly computer

The cost of a computerised accounting system installed by the Foreign Office has more than doubled from an estimated £560,000 to £1.2 million, and the comptroller and auditor general has expressed concern that the system may still be inefficient and expensive. Sir John Bourn said yesterday that he had withheld full approval of one Foreign Office account "on the grounds of uncertainty".

Boxer responds

The boxer Michael Watson is now breathing without the help of a life-support machine but progress continues to be slow, the consultant caring for him at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, said yesterday. Mr Watson, who has been in a coma since he was injured in a world title fight more than four weeks ago, was responding to light and to touch, Mr Peter Hamlyn said, but he remained critical but stable.

Boys raped girl

An Old Bailey judge yesterday ordered two boys to be detained for a total of nine years for the rape of a 16-year-old girl. The two boys, who were aged 15 and 16 at the time of the attack, raped their victim while she was being threatened with a sword. The older boy was ordered to be detained for five years and the other boy, who also came from Paddington, west London, for four years.

Soviet visit

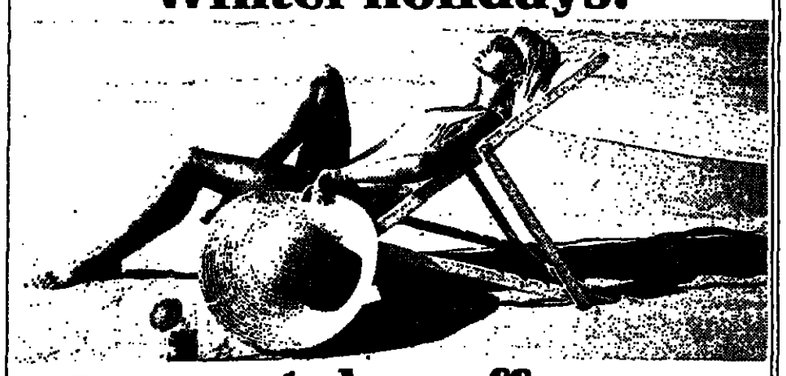
Soviet personnel are to take part in a British military exercise for the first time since the second world war. A Soviet team will visit the UK to take a role in an exercise known as Henley 7/91 next week. The exercise is designed to practice reception and escorting procedures for verification inspections under the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, which was signed last November.

CORRECTION

In later editions of *The Times* yesterday the captions on Lord Lane and Lord Keith of Kinkel were transposed.

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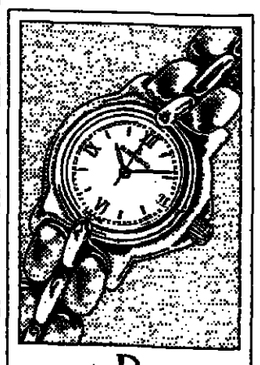
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Judge says US sex harassment case must not sway jury

By Michael Horsnell and Richard Duce

PERSONAL views about the allegations of sexual harassment against the American judge Clarence Thomas should not be allowed to sway the views of a jury considering a slander case between two doctors, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Justice Otton, during his summing up in the High Court action brought by Dr Malcolm Smith, aged 35, against Dr Alanah Houston, told the jury that the Senate hearing had resulted in "our awareness of inter-gender relationships in the workplace being heightened and made more sensitive".

Such relationships might never be the same again in offices, hospitals, doctors' surgeries, barristers' chambers – or perhaps in the jury room and judges' corridors, he said.

"But you must be careful not to allow your views to affect your judgment of this unique case." He said it would be unreal to ask the jury of seven men and five women to forget the harassment allegations made by Anita Hill against Clarence Thomas.

Last night the jury had failed to agree on a verdict and were sent home for the night.

Dr Smith, of Duston, Northampton, accuses Dr Houston, aged 47, of Hardingstone, Northampton, of slandering him in front of staff and patients at their shared surgery two years ago.

He claims she accused him of groping her staff at the premises in East Hunsbury, Northampton, and that she said: "We have all had enough of you feeling our breasts, pinching our bottoms and brushing up against us."

Dr Smith has also said that he endured an investigation by the deputy chief constable of Northamptonshire, who later said that the allegations made against him were groundless.

However, Dr Houston, a married mother of two sons and three stepdaughters, disputes what she is alleged to have said and has told the court sex did not come into it. She was not accusing him of sexual harassment, but of generally harassing and picking on her staff. She was also annoyed about him brushing up against her, although this was not sexual.

Mr Justice Otton said both Dr Smith, a bachelor, and Dr Houston were talented doctors. "Like many marriages this partnership was not made in heaven and it fell apart. The two partners were incompatible. If anyone was to blame it is not for us to apportion it."

The jury was entitled to take into account the fact that Dr Houston had not apologised to Dr Smith. A cloud had been hovering over Dr Smith for two years "in circumstances where they are actually sharing the same premises".

If the jury decided he was entitled to an award it must be a fair and reasonable one. "It must not be miserly, because the public might be left with the impression that there was some smoke, some fire. It must be such as to vindicate him and clear his name. It must not be wildly excessive."

The jury might find it to be a serious slander, but on the other hand it might regard it as a storm in a teacup in which Dr Smith over-reacted and Dr Houston acted hastily and in bad temper and bad taste.

If Dr Smith was right about what Dr Houston had said, her comments would be damaging to a doctor required to carry out intimate examinations as part of his work. It would be harmful to his reputation if he was thought to be a "groper".

If the jurors came to the conclusion that Dr Houston made an unjustified allegation about female staff being harassed, then that was a serious matter. If they found that she made and persisted in an allegation that she had been sexually harassed by a fellow doctor, they might think it was a matter for condemnation.

After four hours, the jury had failed to reach a verdict. The judge sent the jurors home, telling them that he thought they needed a break and that they need not rush.

Both doctors were present in court yesterday.



Houston: denies that she slandered Dr Smith



Smith: claims that he was accused of groping staff



Time off: Lilliane Preisler with her first son at home yesterday. The former broker says she was forced out of her job after taking time off to have the baby

£150,000 broker 'worth more'

A MONEY broker who claims she was forced out of her City job after taking time off to have a baby said yesterday that she had been worth at least £50,000-a-year more than she was paid.

Lilliane Preisler, aged 31, told an industrial tribunal in Chelsea, west London, that she asked for her £150,000 package at Euro Brokers Capital Markets to be raised to £160,000.

She knew from approaches by competitors that she was worth up to £220,000. The approaches were made even before she signed a two-year contract in 1989, she said.

Mrs Preisler, of Golder's Green, northwest London, is claiming sexual discrimination and constructive dismissal against the company. She said that she was forced to leave her job last January after being passed over for promotion and because promised bonuses and incentive payments were not delivered.

Mrs Preisler worked for the firm as a swaps broker from October 1987 until leaving to have her baby in March last year. She returned to work on January 2 this year for just over a week before resigning. She now has two children.

Cindy Buggins, the company's managing director, said that she never intended to promote Mrs Preisler to the position of manager. The company has claimed the amount of Mrs Preisler's bonuses was never agreed.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Broadmoor patient 'died after injection'

By Quentin Cowdry
Home Affairs Correspondent

A PATIENT at a top-security psychiatric hospital died within three minutes of being injected with three times the recommended dose of a drug, an inquest was told yesterday.

Orville Blackwood, aged 31, who suffered from schizophrenia and depression, was given two injections after he had become violent towards staff at Broadmoor hospital, Berkshire.

Professor Malcolm Lader, who examined the body, told the inquest at Bracknell that the normal dose for Sparene was 50 milligrammes, but larger injections were allowed in special circumstances. Blackwood had been injected in the buttocks with 150 mgs, together with a similar amount of another drug.

The most likely explanation for his death in August was that the needle was placed too close to a vein, Professor Lader said. "When the plunger of the syringe was pulled back and then pushed in, any slight movement could have resulted in the needle going into the vein."

Professor Lader, of London University, said that Blackwood had suffered acute heart failure. That may have been brought on by a rush of drugs straight to the heart.

Blackwood, from southwest London, was sent to Broadmoor after being convicted of robbing a post office.

The hearing continues today.

Women's retirement delayed

WOMEN who want full pensions from their employers are having to work longer, a survey published yesterday indicates. More than eight out of ten companies which have introduced a common retirement age for men and women since an equality ruling by the European Court of Justice have chosen 65.

The survey by the Confederation of British Industry and pensions experts Mercer Fraser, covering four million employees, shows a trend towards raising women's retirement age from 60 rather than lowering the men's age.

Robbie Gilbert, the CBI's director of employment affairs, told its annual pensions conference in London yesterday: "This makes sense in terms of women's ambitions to remain economically active longer, to share fully career opportunities open to men and, of course, life expectancy. Earlier pensions ages for all would simply load the cost of previous generations of employees on to the current generation and is especially unjustified during recession."

Marital rape hard to prove, police say

By Peter Victor

POLICE will have to adopt new methods when investigating allegations of rape within marriage, after Wednesday's ruling by the law lords.

Detective superintendent Barbara Wilding, who dealt with one of the first successful prosecutions for rape within marriage, said the normal methods of detection would be useless in many cases. "In any allegation of rape our policy is to believe the victim," she said. "The evidence required for a successful prosecution, however, is much more stringent. The Crown Prosecution Service has to believe that there is a likelihood of success.

"Rape is an easy allegation to make and extremely difficult to prove. The normal forensic methods often will be unsuitable if the couple have been having sex with consent."

In the case with which Ms Wilding dealt, the degree of injury and the speed with which the offence was reported was important. "Forensically, we had no corroboration whatsoever, but we did have evidence from the bruising, which fitted exactly with what the victim said had happened to her," she said.

In spite of the expected problems, the Association of Chief Police Officers yesterday welcomed the ruling and called for statutory backing. "We're all for it. We see no reason why it should not be enshrined in statute."

The Law Society, meanwhile, will meet in two weeks' time to discuss guidelines.

● Lawyers in Scotland, where marital rape has been illegal for two years, have been hampered by the difficulty in proving rape within the home and the reluctance of alleged victims to appear in court (Kerry Gill writes).

Scottish Women's Aid said that corroborative evidence from a doctor or neighbour would have to be produced to prove that rape had taken place.

The Crown Office in Edinburgh said that only a handful of prosecutions for marital rape had been heard in Scotland since the 1989 ruling, and none had led to conviction.

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TV swearing ban opposed

Script writers will have to stoop lower to shock as television audiences become immune to once-taboo words, Melinda Wittstock reports

FEW viewers believe the strongest of swearwords should be banned altogether from television, a survey on bad language in broadcasting has found.

The Broadcasting Standards Council found that the word f*** is fast losing its power to shock and offend television viewers.

Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the council, said the word was "slipping the way of bloody", and predicted that in 40 years' time, would have lost its force. "Then we will be having discussions about other words probably higher in the rankings than the "F" word," he said.

He said that f*** still offended people born before the second world war, but did not bother those born after the Vietnam war. More frequent usage off-screen has made the word more acceptable on-screen, the report, *A Matter of Manners? – The Limits of Broadcasting Language*, found. "It is used in private conversation by professors now," Lord Rees-Mogg said.

Andrea Millwood Hargrave, editor of the report, said none of those questioned felt there should be "a laundry list of words to be banned". She said that more people were "annoyed by the cumulative effect of constant repetition of the word bloody than the use of the 'F' word in one place".

However, the 300 viewers asked by the council to watch out for bad language over a two-week period said that swearwords should be justified by the event and context of the programme.

Although f*** is not considered too offensive as an expletive, viewers said they were against its literal use as a verb or noun. A clip from *The Laughter of God* in which a woman said to her lover "I am going to f*** you senseless", provoked a strong reaction.

Swearing is, however, still the biggest cause of complaint among viewers, particularly when perceived as gratuitous, Lord Rees-Mogg said. He is to warn broadcasters about bad language at a meeting with the heads of all broadcasting organisations. He will tell them to ensure that programmes containing swearwords are adequately labelled and that bad language is not broadcast before the 9pm "family watershed". Lord Rees-Mogg said broadcasters belonged to "a youngish metropolitan group whose attitude to language is significantly different from that of their audience".

However, Roger Graef, the film maker and founding member of Channel 4, who has contributed an article to the report, said the survey showed a great deal of tolerance: "The purpose may have been to show a hotbed of unrest, but it has helped show the opposite."

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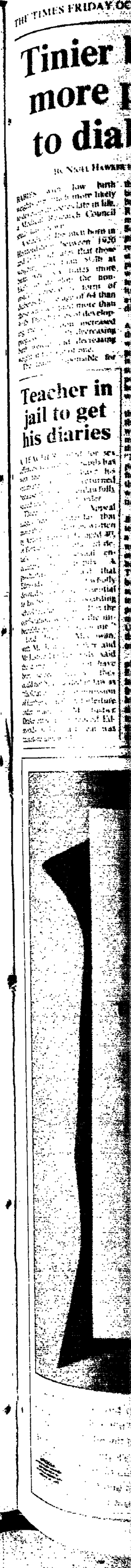
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Teacher in jail to get his diaries

Tinier babies more prone to diabetes

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BABIES with low birth weights are much more likely to develop diabetes late in life, a Medical Research Council study has shown.

A study of 468 men born in Hertfordshire between 1920 and 1930 indicates that those weighing less than 5½lb at birth were six times more likely to develop the non-insulin dependent form of diabetes by the age of 64 than those who weighed more than 9½lb. The chances of developing the condition increased progressively with decreasing birth weight and decreasing weight at the age of one.

The team responsible for the finding, from Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, and the Medical Research Council's environmental epidemiology unit at Southampton General Hospital, have also shown that reduced birth weight is also strongly linked to high blood pressure in later life. Earlier work by the Southampton team had established a similar link between birth weight and deaths from heart disease.

Professor Nick Hales, of Addenbrooke's, said yesterday that the study could explain why late-onset diabetes, which generally affects those over 50, is linked to high blood pressure. "Our study raises the possibility that the link may be retarded growth in the womb," he said.

Professor David Barker, of the Southampton unit, said that insulin-producing cells were known to develop mainly while the baby was in the womb or in early infancy. "It seems reasonable to propose that nutritional and other factors determining growth in the womb and during infancy will influence insulin production in the adult."

Reporting the results in the *British Medical Journal*, the team proposes that diabetes is a disease caused by poor nutrition in the womb and early life, followed by much better nutrition later in life. The bad start impairs the body's ability to produce insulin, but this only becomes important when nutrition improves later in life and demand for insulin increases. Unable to produce enough, the individual develops late-onset diabetes.

One of the clearest examples of this occurred when Ethiopian Jews migrated to Israel, experiencing a change from poor to good nutrition. Many developed diabetes. A similar explanation may apply to many Western diseases, the team suggests, including heart disease.



Royal arms: the Princess of Wales greeting her sons William, left, and Harry, on Britannia in Toronto harbour. They travelled separately to Canada for security reasons

Teacher in jail to get his diaries

A TEACHER jailed for sex offences against boy pupils has won the right to have his intimate diaries returned because they were unlawfully seized under a court order.

Three Court of Appeal judges heard yesterday that more than 100 diaries written by Antony Edmonds, aged 40, of Portsmouth, contained details of many sexual encounters with pupils. A psychiatrist had said that Edmonds's diaries, not wholly devoted to sex, were "essential to his being". The boarding school teacher wrote: "It is the confiscation which is the unbearable punishment for me."

Lord Justice McCowan, with Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy, said the diaries should not have been seized because they could not be regarded in law as "facilitating the commission of further crime". A forfeiture order made by Mr Justice Drake after he sentenced Edmonds in July last year was therefore unlawful.

Pre-Raphaelite renaissance

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

THE best group of Pre-Raphaelite paintings to be offered at auction since the slump began goes under the hammer at Christie's today, intriguing the art world.

The 14 paintings, by such artists as William Holman-Hunt and Arthur Hughes, have been given a total estimate of £1.5 million, and their vendor is the mysterious-sounding Pre-Raphaelite Trust Inc.

Julian Hartnoll, the agent for the collection, acknowledges that "selling now is a gamble, but the market isn't as bad as everybody says".

The collection, he says, was acquired from the Fifties to the Seventies out of genuine appreciation by a wealthy Frenchman who died in an accident in 1983. His heirs are following Mr Hartnoll's advice to sell now.

Star items in the collection include *Oriana* by Holman-Hunt and Hughes; a painting of a knight and his lady illustrating a poem by Tennyson. Bought by the novelist Evelyn Waugh for 120 guineas in 1961, it was sold at Sotheby's Belgravia ten years later for £1,800. Christie's estimate is now £120,000 to £140,000.

Potential buyers include Isabel Goldsmith, daughter of the businessman James Goldsmith, and Andrew Lloyd Webber, who paid £1 million for a painting last year.

Mr Hartnoll had traced one of the paintings up for auction, Evelyn de Morgan's *The Angel with the Serpent*, to a farm in north Devon in 1975, only to find that all but one hand had been painted over.

The retired civil servant and great great nephew of the artist who owned it said he hated the painting, except for that one hand, and so had had the rest painted out.

"He offered to sell it to me for £50, but I said 'No, let me clean it and then I'll give you a better offer'," Mr Hartnoll said. But when the work was cleaned, the owner, who had just been diagnosed as having cancer, changed his mind. "He said: 'I'll enjoy looking at this angel before I die'." It could now fetch up to £100,000.

Test case on pollution

GREENPEACE was yesterday given permission to bring a High Court test case challenging the way the National Rivers Authority is carrying out its duty to protect rivers and seas from pollution.

The environmental group was granted leave by Mr Justice Brooke to seek a declaration that the authority has failed properly to monitor a chemical plant which, Greenpeace says, is illegally polluting the Irish Sea with toxic heavy metals. Owen Davies, for Greenpeace, said Albright and Wilson, which makes products for the detergent industry at Marchon, Cumbria, was discharging "an extraordinary emanation of liquid 24 hours a day containing extremely nasty toxins".

The judge said the rivers authority was "its own worst enemy" for not attending court to defend its actions.

No date was set for the full hearing of the case.

Woman in the news

Publisher with green fingers

BY SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

GAIL REBUCK, the new head of the Random Century publishing group, has, at the age of 39, a formidable reputation in the industry. Hilary Rubinstein, the literary agent, said: "She may be young but you must remember she's been around for a long time, since the beginning of Century", a reference to Century Publishing which Miss Rebuck co-founded in 1982.

She was named as successor to Anthony Cheetham, chairman and chief executive of Random Century, by Alberto Vitale, president of the American parent company, Random House. "She has a way of putting her finger on the very thing everyone's been avoiding," a colleague said. "She's a motivator and troubleshooter, and that's why I suspect Vitale went straight to her."

After the Lycée Français in London, Miss Rebuck read intellectual history at Sussex University. After a period as a tourist guide in Europe, she joined a children's publishing company as a packager, then Barrie and Jenkin, which had the Nicholson guide books. She revived the imprint with a relaunch of the London street map, using London taxi drivers as researchers. She founded Century with Mr Cheetham and both went with the company to Random.

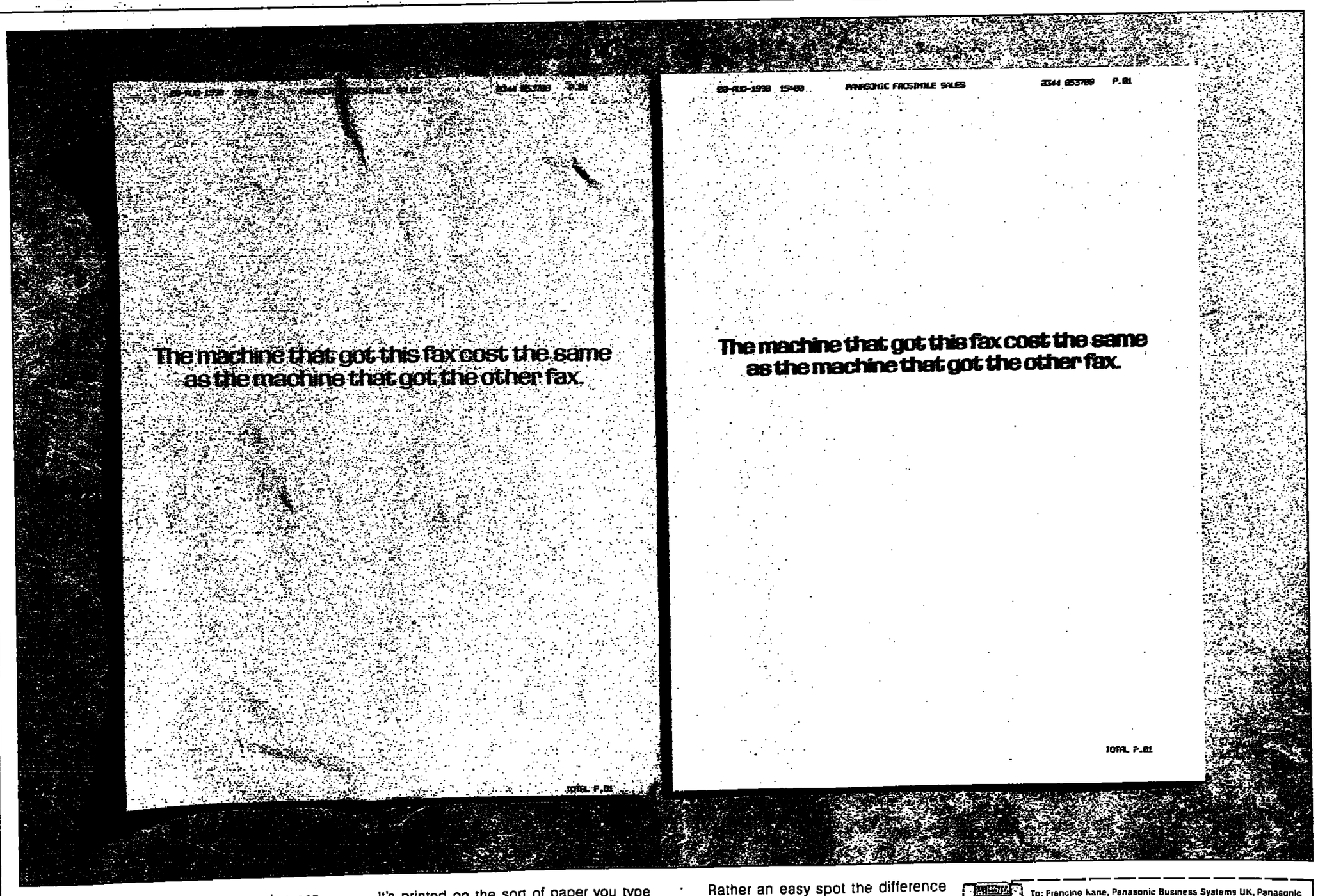
She has a reputation for "green fingers": the ability to take supine companies and revive them, and to see the potential in projects before anyone else. Ebury Press came to Random Century at the same as she did, in 1989, and became her project. It had a respectable back list but no front list. Now it rides high with publications such as Anton Mosimann's cookery book *Naturally*, Anita Roddick's autobiography and Callan Pinckney's exercise book *Callanetics*.



Rebuck: motivator with the revitalising touch

She met her husband, Philip Gould, at university. Her two daughters, Georgia and Grace, are five and two (Grace was born on the day of the Century Hutchinson merger with Random). Mr Gould, a media consultant, said: "Where she is formidable is that she can take Georgia to school at 9.15 and be completely in tune with her and Grace, but then it's hammer and tongs at the office till 6.15, after which she belongs to the children again."

Miss Rebuck said: "Big publishing houses have taken a knocking in the publishing press, but what they can provide in a period of recession is stability, giving writers and publishers relative security in which to develop."



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Minister to investigate late payment of student grants

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ALAN HOWARTH, the higher education minister, yesterday promised an investigation into delays in the payment of student grants which have left some students at the mercy of their bank managers for almost a month.

The scale of this year's rise in the number of higher education entrants has left many local authorities struggling to cope with the volume of grant applications. Some students have been warned they might have to wait until Christmas for their cheques.

In a radio interview yesterday, Mr Howarth pinned the blame squarely on the education authorities, which he said had been given an extra 16 per cent to administer grants.

"I don't think there are any excuses at all," he said. "They are fully funded to pay. They are funded to carry out this task and it ought to be treated as a priority task.

"We are talking of a number of backsliding authorities, and my department is investigating the reported cases," he added. He advised students who were still waiting for their grants to ask for payment on account from their local authority, or to apply to college hardship funds. Students are mounting a series of protests to highlight their financial plight, which they say has worsened since the introdcution of student loans and the freezing of welfare benefits.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities said that the difficulties had been created by the government. Financial pressures had left departments understaffed to cope with an increase in student numbers well beyond that forecast by ministers.

● A month into her first term as an undergraduate at Thames Polytechnic, Ellen Thompson has still not received her student grant (Louise Hidalgo writes).

She is managing by borrowing from friends and family until her £995 grant cheque for the first term comes through from Hackney borough council. A 24-year-old humanities student, Ellen is already £120 overdrawn and owes four weeks' rent.

When she heard she was eligible for a full London grant of £2,845 for the year, because her parents were unable to help her financially, Ellen was delighted. However, when registering for the new term on September 25, she found her grant cheque had not arrived.

Hackney education directorate said yesterday the delay in sending out grant cheques had been caused by the glut of applications received this year. Outstanding cheques would be despatched by the end of next week, it said.

Skills programme 'in trouble'

THE government is having growing difficulty meeting its guarantees of training places for school-leavers and young long-term adult jobless, Labour claimed yesterday on the basis of a new survey (Nicholas Wood writes).

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, said that a survey of the 82 employer-led training and enterprise councils (Tecs) by the all-party Commons employment select committee showed that almost all were experiencing big problems.

"The letters show unequivocally that many Tecs are having difficulty in meeting the government's guarantee of a training place [and] that the recession is badly hitting employers' contributions," Mr Blair said.

Serious concern about the quality and quantity of training was being expressed in virtually every part of the country, and without more money, Britain's skills crisis would intensify.

Earlier this week, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, who is still battling against Treasury pressure for employers to bear a bigger share of training costs, insisted that the government would meet its pledges. Yesterday the employment department repeated his assurance.

TED BATH



Flight of fancy: unperturbed geese get on with the serious business of eating as sculptor Alan Jack, of Longlevens, Gloucestershire, yesterday installs *Pitchfork Stork*, one of 19 scrap metal birds and insects created over the past ten years, which he has now lent to the county's Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge

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Anti-meat advert 'was misleading'

A VEGETARIAN Society anti-meat advertisement showing a famished African child was criticised as misleading by an advertising watchdog yesterday.

The advert, which appeared in the national press, carried a caption saying: "Putting meat on your plate takes the food from hers." It claimed that "greed for meat" meant Western nations had to import grain from third world countries to "feed the millions of animals in our factory farms".

The Committee of Advertising Practice said that the society had oversimplified the issues and behaved in an unacceptable way by using an image of famine.

The advertisement led to protests from the National Farmers' Union and the Meat and Livestock Industry, who said that famine was caused not by an overall shortage but because some countries did not have access to food.

The advertising watchdog said it had concluded that there appeared to be a surplus of grain and the advertisment was "capable of being *misleading*". *The committee* added: "The issue of famine should be addressed with great care so as not to use the emotion aroused by the subject inappropriately." It ruled that the advert should either be withdrawn or substantially changed. However, the society said that its run had ended.

● President Bush is to star in a $7.5 million advertising campaign planned for British television next spring. In the advert, made for the US Department of Commerce, *the president looks to camera* and asks viewers: "So what are you waiting for — an invitation from the president?" The campaign is designed to boost the country's struggling travel industry.

PC 'had an affair on force cash'

A Police Federation official, John Clews, aged 43, used a Visa card issued in connection with his duties to pay for hotel rooms in which he conducted an affair with a policewoman, Warwick Crown Court was told yesterday.

PC Clews, of Quinton, Birmingham, treasurer of the federation's West Midlands branch, ran up hotel bills on six occasions in Northamptonshire, totalling £350, said Simon Draycott, for the prosecution.

Clews denies charges of false accounting and evasion of a liability by deception. The *case continues today.*

Cookson home



The novelist Catherine Cookson, aged 85, (above) returned to her home in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday afternoon after receiving hospital treatment for an irregular heartbeat.

Robin returns

Richard Todd, aged 71, star of Fifties films including *Robin Hood*, will appear in a production of *The Woman in Black*, *opening on November 13 at* Liverpool's Playhouse, in place of John Osborne's *Déjà Vu*, the follow-up to his 1956 play *Look Back in Anger*, withdrawn after disagreement with Peter O'Toole.

Britain makes tiny inroad into Japan

From KEVIN EASON IN TOKYO

A TOKYO sushi bar owner today takes delivery of a Japanese car which carries the sticker "Made in Britain". Hiroyuki Ueda's Nissan is the symbol of one of the most remarkable success stories in British industry. The Primera model was built at Washington, Tyne and Wear, for sale in Japan and is one of the first batch of 1,500 being sold there this year.

Mr Ueda, aged 28, could have been forgiven for having misgivings when he was told that the car he had chosen from a showroom in Tokyo came from a factory in England. The British reputation was once for making cars which spent more time waiting for a breakdown lorry than showing their performance, helping to lead to the rise of Japanese cars, which account for more than 200,000 UK sales annually.

Mr Ueda was confident, however, that his dark grey hatchback would be as reliable as any made in Japan. "I am not worrying about the UK *quality. This is* a Nissan and it is a Japanese brand, so it is all right."

The model is so "all right" that Yutaka Kume, Nissan's president, has given the Washington plant the task of producing the only five-door hatchback in the company's empire. Japan makes the Primera but only in saloon form, for the domestic and United States markets.

The British plant is sending 200 Primeras a month to Japan as part of an export programme to 30 countries. More than 90 per cent of the output of 124,000 cars this year is going overseas, contributing £500 million to the balance of payments. Japanese buyers had their first real chance to see the Washington Primera this week at the Tokyo Motor Show, where the British car is the centrepiece of Nissan's exhibition stand.

At least one person is confident that the car will win over the Japanese. Margaret Thatcher, who as prime minister helped to persuade Nissan to build its £700 million plant at Washington in 1986, said in a letter to Mr Kume: "I have absolutely no doubt that with the combination of Japanese design and technology and British workmanship, the Primera will be an outstanding success."

Mr Ueda paid the equivalent of about £11,500 for his car, plus £1,500 in taxes. In Britain, the same model would cost about £16,000.

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Troop withdrawals from Ulster 'backed by 61% of Britons'

By EDWARD GORMAN AND JOHN WINDER

A CLEAR majority of the British electorate favours the withdrawal of troops from Northern Ireland, according to an opinion poll. The majority does not support Britain's continued presence in the province, and almost as many do not support the government strategy of withdrawal only with the consent of the majority living there.

The survey, carried out by Mori for a Channel 4 documentary, found that 61 per cent of respondents favoured a withdrawal of troops. Of that total, 23 per cent said the troops should be withdrawn immediately and 38 per cent that they should withdraw over a pre-set period. Only 31 per cent said the soldiers should remain indefinitely.

Of those who favoured withdrawal over a pre-set period, 21 per cent said it should be within one year, 43 per cent said it should be within four years, and 30 per cent that it should be phased over more than four years.

Although Mori did not frame its questions about troop withdrawals in terms of sovereignty, the company said it would be fair to assume in almost every case that respondents equated "troops" with "sovereignty".

The publication of the findings, based on interviews with 1,923 adults aged over 18 in Great Britain in March, before the failure of the government's devolution initiative on Northern Ireland, came as the Troops Out Movement launched a new campaign in London yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at Westminster, Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, called on the government to end its jurisdiction over Northern Ireland and to withdraw its military presence. He said he believed Britain would have withdrawn its troops and ended its sovereignty by the end of the century.

He suggested continued British presence only exacerbated the problems in Ulster. "Without British troops, the Protestant and Catholic communities [would] have to learn to live together. The presence of troops has been an excuse that both sides have been happy to have because, while they are there, [they] can always blame the British."

Mr Benn said that the failure of government initiatives demonstrated that there could be no "British solution" to the problem, a view held also by Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, but rejected by the government.

The Mori survey also found a marked preference among voters for Northern Ireland leaving the United Kingdom. Faced with three constitutional options, 25 per cent of respondents said Northern Ireland should be incorporated in a unitary Irish state, 25 per cent said it should become independent, and 33 per cent believed it should remain part of the UK.

Despite the dramatic differences in policy on Ireland between Conservative and Labour, 80 per cent of respondents said they either did not know if there were any differences or agreed that there was nothing to choose between the parties. Sixty four per cent said that whether or not a party supported and planned for a British withdrawal from Northern Ireland would make no difference to their voting intentions.

That helps to explain the general indifference in Britain to the troubles, and to Northern Ireland generally, which has made it easy for governments to continue to ignore the clear preference of the majority to withdraw.

During the past ten years, the majority in favour of a withdrawal of troops either immediately or over a pre-set period has not changed significantly. In 1981, the figure was 59 per cent. In 1984, it fell to 53 per cent, reaching the current 61 per cent in 1987.

Labour told of Welsh backlash

LABOUR'S policy of granting Wales "second division" devolution will prove a vote loser for Neil Kinnock at the general election, Welsh nationalists claimed yesterday. Plaid Cymru's new president, Dafydd Wigley, MP for Caernarfon, forecast that Labour's treatment of Wales as "just like another region of England" would provoke a backlash.

Labour is pledged to give Scotland a parliament with financial powers within its first year of office, but a Welsh assembly has been given a lower priority, alongside plans to devolve some central government functions to the English regions.

Mr Wigley told his party's annual conference at Porthmadog, Gwynedd, that there was growing public support for Welsh self-government after dissatisfaction with the government's performance on key issues such as health.

He was dismissive of a recent poll which gave Plaid Cymru only 5 per cent support, but he admitted it faced a big challenge to break out of its Welsh-speaking heartland.

MICHAEL POWELL



Smoke screening: Edward Sahakian, of the cigar maker Davidoff, sampling a Cuban *Cohiba robustos*, one of several rare Havanas to be served at a series of cigar-tasting dinners launched at Mosimann's dining club in Belgravia, London. The dinners consist of three courses, with cigars served between each course. Diary, page 16

Gordons crusaders withdraw candidate

By KERRY GILL

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save the Gordon Highlanders yesterday dropped their plan to field a candidate in the Kincardine and Deeside by-election, bringing relief to the other candidates, particularly Marcus Humphrey, the Conservative.

Although there were murmurs that the campaigners had been "got at" by senior Tories, Douglas Robson, campaign secretary, insisted that they had withdrawn after receiving an assurance that the future of the regiment, threatened by the government's defence review, will be reconsidered. "We have information from a number of authoritative sources that our cause has at last reached the right ears and an appropriate response will be made," said Mr Robson.

It had been feared by the other candidates that a Gordons candidate could have split the vote in what is expected to be a close by-election and might have subjugated some of the other issues within the constituency.

Capstick factor in the wings

The choice of a "moderate" ex-Euro MP to fight the Hemsworth by-election for Labour may prompt a protest vote in the area, *Ronald Faux* reports

The onslaught from a redundant coal miner in the Featherstone hotel left Derek Enright drawing thoughtfully on his cigarette. The collier had told him: "I'm militant and a Scargill fanatic. I think he's fantastic, even though he cost me my job and I'll be voting Conservative."

As Labour candidate in the by-election for the safe Labour seat of Hemsworth in West Yorkshire, Mr



Enright: man preferred by Labour head office

Enright was bound to wonder how many more dyed-in-the-wool socialists would put a cross next to the name of Garnet Harrison, banking and investment consultant.

The reason for the miner's disaffection was that party headquarters had ignored Ken Capstick, preferred candidate of the National Union of Mineworkers, vice-chairman of the Yorkshire NUM and close associate of Arthur Scargill. Mr Capstick was not even shortlisted from the names submitted to head office.

Mr Enright, a former Euro MP, will be defending the 20,700 majority left by the late George Buckley, Hemsworth's NUM sponsored MP.

An enthusiast for the classics and a Kinnock supporter, Mr Enright taught at St Wilfred's high school in Featherstone.

Until lunchtime yesterday Mr Enright had found little evidence on the doorsteps of the former pit villages of the Capstick factor. There are, though, rumours that independent Labour candidates may stand and that the NUM will refuse to back the party's campaign. However, Mr Enright said: "It is quite wrong to say I have been imposed on the constituency. Everything was done democratically and by the book."

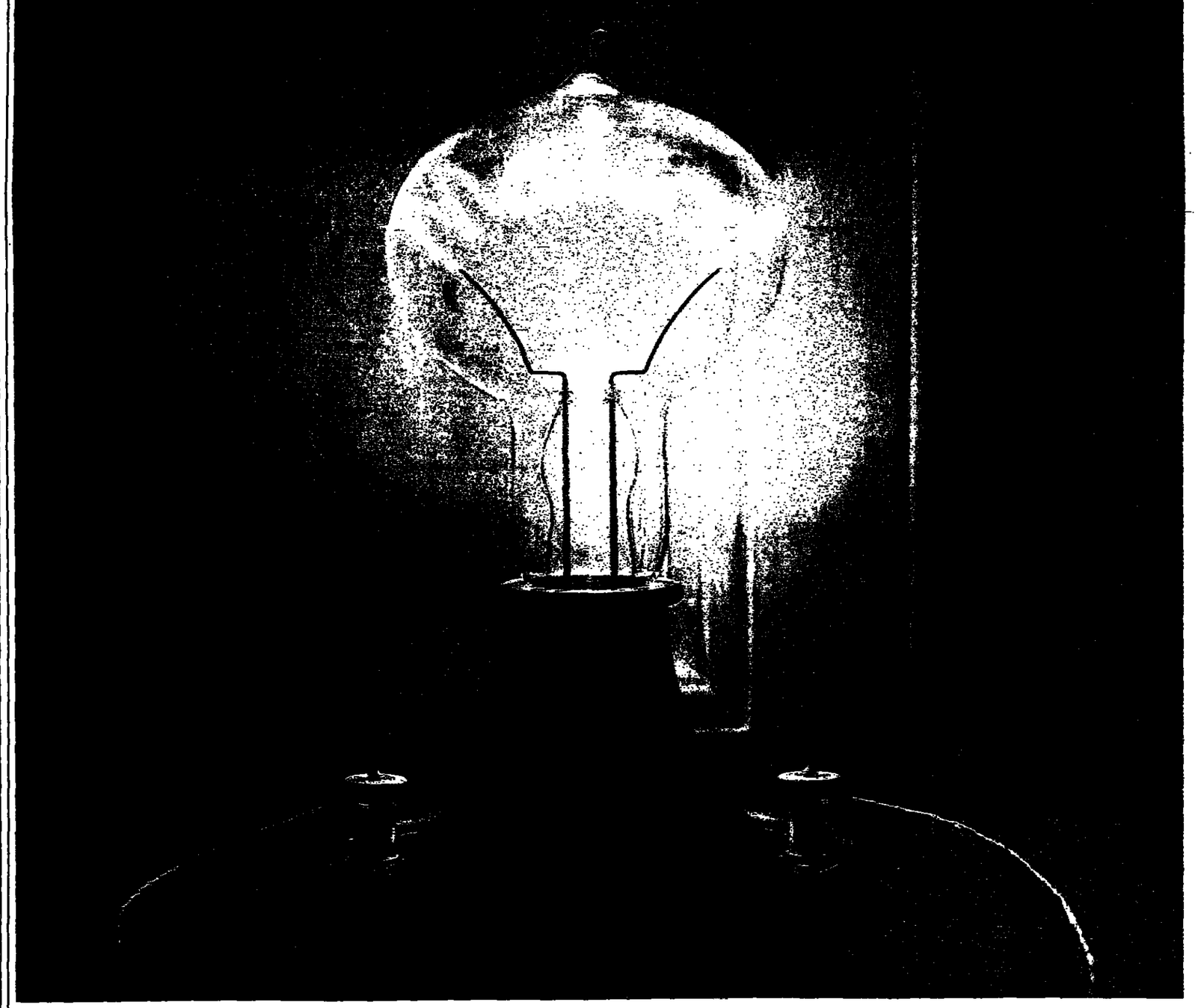
The Conservative and Liberal Democrat candidates plan to make expected splits in Labour support a central issue. A Tory official said: "It perfectly demonstrates the undemocratic nature of the Labour party. They don't want Ken Capstick because they don't want the views of the Labour party exposed to public scrutiny. They want a nice safe candidate."

The Conservatives also see hope in the changed nature of Hemsworth, once a group of seven colliery villages. Only Frickley pit remains and the miners have declined as a political force. Houses are being improved as the villages become centres for commuting to nearby towns or the Selby coalfield. The black dunes of pit waste are the biggest reminders of what was the area's bedrock industry.

The Liberal Democrats' candidate is Val Megson, a miner's daughter and local councillor who runs a food takeaway in South Elmsall. She too sees a split Labour vote as her best hope.

General election 1987: George Buckley (Lab) 27,859, Edward Garnier (Con) 7,159, John Wooffindin (Lib/All) 6,568.

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Surgeon quits kidney donor scheme over 'imbalance'

A LEADING kidney transplant surgeon has withdrawn from the national donor exchange scheme, raising concern that it may collapse.

Ross Taylor, of the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne, who helped to set up the scheme, said he was quitting for the time being because his area was "getting a raw deal". The British Kidney Patient Association said that the collapse of the scheme would mean that patients in areas that are already poorly served would have to wait even longer for transplants.

The scheme, co-ordinated in Bristol, is intended to ensure that donated kidneys go to the most needy patients whose bodies are most likely to accept them, wherever they live. When an organ donor dies, one kidney is kept for local use and the other is offered to the national exchange scheme.

Mr Taylor, past president of the British Association of Transplant Surgeons, said: "In the last nine months, we have put 25 more kidneys into the system than we've got out of it. For me that is not acceptable. So what I have done is said, 'I'm sorry, I'm not in this club any more until I see that this imbalance is being addressed'."

Mr Taylor told BBC-TV's *Close Up North*: "I want everyone in the UK to get a transplant; that's the ideal. But we don't live in an ideal world. My prime responsibility is to the patients in the North who are on our waiting list for a transplant. We can't afford to disadvantage our own folk." He stressed that he would re-enter the scheme as soon as it improved, but admitted there was a risk other transplant surgeons could follow his lead.

Elizabeth Ward, president of the British Kidney Patient Association, said: "I am all sympathy for Ross Taylor. The scheme depends on the good faith of the doctors referring the kidneys through to UK Transplant in Bristol."

Mrs Ward said that if the scheme collapsed patients in areas such as Plymouth, Exeter, Portsmouth and Dundee would be adversely affected.

The health department said that a special health authority, the Transplant Support Services Authority, had been formed to administer kidney transplants and would be meeting in the next few weeks. A spokesman said: "I'm sure that if Mr Taylor wishes to make his views known the authority would be interested to hear them." It was important that the scheme operated efficiently.

Stephen Dorrell, junior health minister, said he was concerned if a surgeon of Mr Taylor's standing no longer believed the scheme had a role to play.

Paper to pay for drug libel

A MAN hounded by vandals after a newspaper falsely alleged that he duped two British girls into smuggling large quantities of heroin through Bangkok accepted undisclosed libel damages at the High Court yesterday.

Bernard Thomas, aged 27, of Birmingham, had been accused in the *Daily Mirror* of supplying two teenagers, Karen Smith and Patricia Cahill, with air tickets to Bangkok, where they were later found guilty of possessing heroin and sentenced to long jail terms in Thailand.

Mr Thomas had become so upset about the articles that he had to seek medical treatment for depression, his solicitor, Sarah Webb, told Mr Justice Otton. His distinctive pink Porsche had been vandalised and he had received abusive and threatening telephone calls, she said.

Mr Thomas, a shift supervisor at the Small Heath Leisure Centre in Birmingham, had never had any involvement in drug taking, trafficking, or any criminal activity, Mrs Webb said.

Phillip Conway, solicitor for Mirror Group Newspapers, said the paper accepted that the articles should never have been published and that the "grave charges they make are entirely without foundation". As well as paying damages, the paper agreed to pay Mr Thomas's legal costs.



Dorrell: concerned by Mr Taylor's decision

MARTIN BEDDALL



Good company: members of Hitchin's Bancroft Players in rehearsal; from the left, Keith Crook, Edith Pratt, Keith Pendall, Maureen Nobes

A small show that runs and runs

By DAVID YOUNG

THERE were no tears, no tantrums. Apart from a minor problem with a microphone, the final rehearsal for the Bancroft Players' production of *Side by Side by Sondheim* went smoothly. By the weekend the show's brief run in the Hertfordshire market town of Hitchin, where the players have been an important part of local society for 23 years, will inevitably have been a success, confirming that amateur dramatics in Britain is alive and well.

The producer, Michael Everitt, who is a chef, said: "By our normal standards this is a fringe show. We have to fit it in between a major production of Ayckbourn's *Ten Times Table* and Chekhov's *Seagull*. Our major productions involve dozens of people and run for up to six nights. We do up to five of these a year."

The club's president, Richard Whitmore, who used to appear before an audience of millions as a BBC television newsreader and who now performs leading roles at the 178-seat theatre, said: "In many ways we are typical of amateur theatrical groups who are practising every night throughout the country. We have members from all walks of life who make fantastic contributions in many different ways to the success of our shows. However, we are probably not typical in that we have our own magnificent modern theatre."

The shell of the Queen Mother Theatre was built 12 years ago at cost by four local building companies and internal work was completed by the members. One of the players, Brian Hull, a town planner, said: "By building and owning our own theatre we have been able to develop almost as well as some professional groups. We have come a long way from the days when we used to meet in a corrugated-iron hall."

More funds sought for booming amateur arts

Simon Tait lifts the curtain on a report showing that the amateur arts are thriving but calling for more support

THE amateur arts, nourished by most Victorian families as their principal social activity but thought to have gone into terminal decline in competition with the cinema and television, are alive in Britain and thriving, according to a Policy Studies Institute report published yesterday.

Amateur Arts in the United Kingdom is claimed as the first comprehensive study of the subject and shows that at least seven million people regularly practise one or more of the arts. It also shows that youth is taking to the arts in its spare time: 7 per cent of those aged 16 to 19 participate.

About 1.8 million people regularly perform amateur music and drama, another 1.8 million draw and paint and 3 million practice textile crafts. Photography is by far the most popular pursuit, attracting 19 per cent of the population, with disco dancing and textile crafts oddly together with 11 per cent each. Drama, writing poetry, choral singing and performing pop music each involve 2 per cent of Britons.

The report was commissioned by the steering group of the Voluntary Arts Network (VAN), which was formally set up by the Carnegie Trust yesterday with the announcement that Sir Richard Luce, the former arts minister, is to be its chairman. "Millions of people are turning to the arts and crafts as a source of enjoyment and fulfilment in their private lives," he said. "We need to strengthen and promote the development of amateur arts and crafts in this country and VAN will do everything possible to secure this by promoting the interests of amateur arts at every level through research, information and practical proposals."

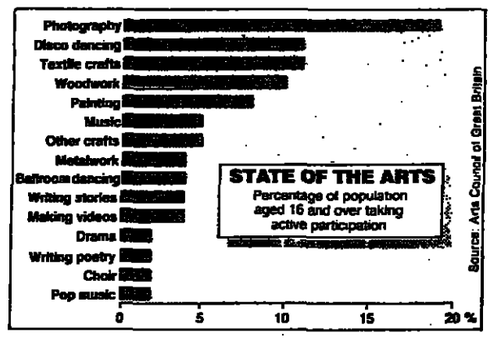
However, the report, VAN's first contribution, says more public funding is needed. It recommends that the amateur arts should be a leading component of the national arts and media strategy being formulated by the Arts Council, that arts funding bodies should embrace coherent policies for supporting the amateur arts, that local government should do more and that there should be independent studies of the arts in education.

Amateur arts groups, supported by membership subscriptions, box office income, donations and fund-raising, have next to no public funding. Throughout England and Wales, local authority grants to amateur groups amounted to no more than £3.5 million in 1990-91.

National umbrella organisations play an important part in the amateur arts scene. There are 28 covering the performing arts, crafts and photography, with a combined membership of 448,000. Use of professional help by amateurs is a modern feature. In 1989-90 the National Federation of Music Societies, which has 990 amateur groups affiliated, spent £5.7 million on hiring professionals to join them.

In England, however, only 19 per cent of drama societies are affiliated to national umbrella organisations, more than 2,000 being unaffiliated. In all there are about 3,575 societies in the UK, excluding youth theatres and drama organised by women's institutes, townswomen's guilds and young farmers' clubs.

Drama is singled out for special treatment in the report. It recommends that the Arts Council should support financially the establishment of a Drama Association of England, to match the Drama Association of Wales, and provide an armature for English amateur theatre.



Twin-engined flights over sea queried

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR British Airways pilot has claimed that long range twin-engined flights over water are potentially dangerous days before his airline begins such services across the Atlantic.

British Airways studied years of data from dozens of other airlines which regularly use twin-engined aircraft on such services — known as extended range twin-engined operations, or Etops — and is convinced that the flights are safe. Civil Aviation Authority safety officials have given their approval and BA will begin flying Boeing 767s to the United States on Sunday.

Captain Roger Hoyle, a leading member of the British Air Line Pilots Association, says in the association's magazine, *The Log*: "Sooner or later an Etops aircraft could well go down in circumstances where a three or four-engined aircraft would have been able to continue to a safe landing. Whilst one naturally hopes there will never be cause to say 'I told you so', nagging doubts remain."

He says that all six airfields to which an aircraft with one engine shut down would have to divert have problems with visibility, lighting, fog or surrounding high terrain. Some would have difficulty housing stranded passengers, and maintenance would be difficult at others.

Four British airlines have been flying Etops routes for up to three years, during which time they have completed 8,500 flights without a single diversion caused by engine failure during the over-water sectors.

Seeking a path to prosperity

As a group of Orcadians looks enviously at the economic boom enjoyed by an island neighbour **Kerry Gill** examines the benefits that a causeway would bring

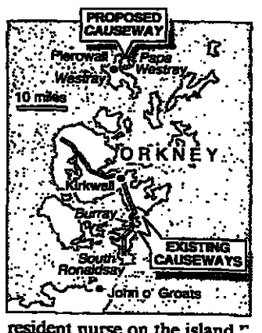
TWENTY-FOUR hours a day, 365 days a year, a boat lies at readiness to whisk the local GP from the Orcadian island of Westray to its tiny neighbour, Papa Westray, in case of emergency. For more everyday needs, the 80 or so residents on "Papay", its ancient name, can jump on board the world's shortest scheduled air service, only two minutes, to Westray.

Now many of the inhabitants of Papa Westray, famous for its birdlife and archaeological remains, are calling for a causeway to link them with the bigger island, which is enjoying a boom rare among Scottish islands due to fishing, agriculture and tourism.

If causeways could be built 50 years ago to protect the Scapa Flow naval base from German submarines, they argue, the government and the European Community should stump up the estimated £18 million for a causeway that would help their economy rival that on Westray. While some Orkney councillors say the cost cannot be justified, others say they are short-sighted and that the causeway could be adapted for tidal power in the next century.

At a recent public meeting on Papa Westray everyone was in favour of a causeway that could help the island's growing tourist industry. They pointed to the hundreds of thousands of pounds that would be saved each year. The problem is that the government insists that, based on the probable cost, annual savings from the causeway would have to be at least £1.2 million.

Howie Firth, an Orkney councillor who favours the scheme, said yesterday: "We have estimated that there could be a number of savings in schooling, transport and health costs. If a causeway was built between the islands we could close Papay's primary school, which has only six pupils, we would not have to have the doctor's boat and crew waiting all the time and the health board would not necessarily have to have a resident nurse on the island."



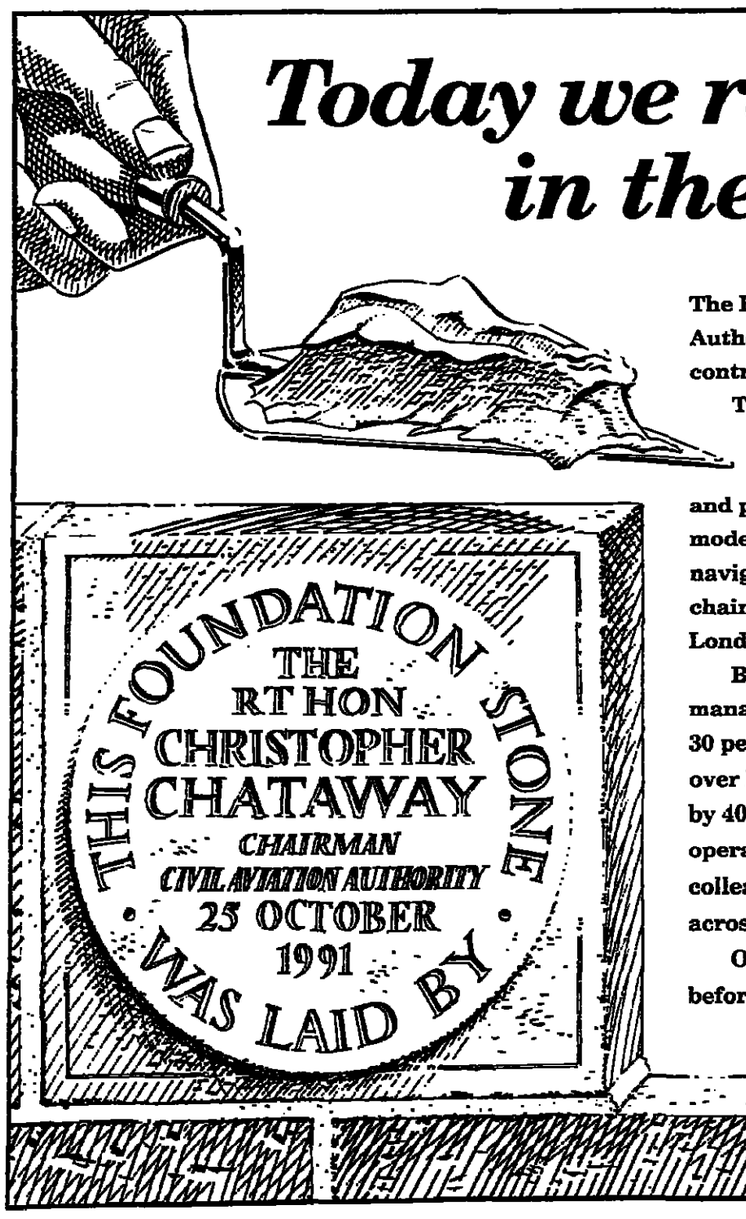
Other savings would preclude the need to run the air service and have cargo vessels regularly plying the short distance from Westray to Papa Westray. Farmers and fishermen, who now have to move produce by sea, would also save cash. Mr Firth said that as technology developed a causeway could be used to harness tidal power between the islands.

The causeway would be about 1.5 kilometres long and could be built comparatively easily as the sea is only about four metres deep at low tide. Mr Firth said that the wartime barriers, recently improved with EC money, proved that the idea was feasible. "They were built for short-term reasons but have had great long-term benefits for the islands they connected," he said.

In 1940 the Churchill barriers were completed, linking the islands of Lamb Holm, Glims Holm, Burray and South Ronaldsay with mainland Orkney. They protected the Scapa Flow naval base into which a German submarine had penetrated the previous year to sink HMS Royal Oak with the loss of 833 lives.

Between 1942 and 1944 more work was carried out on the barriers, covered by roadways, with the help of Italian prisoners of war. Mr Firth said: "It is a pity we don't have those Italians here now to help us, but maybe if the government saved the threatened Scottish regiments the soldiers could help us build the causeway."

Today we reach a milestone in the history of flying



The Rt Hon. Christopher Chataway, Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, today lays the foundation stone of Britain's new air traffic control centre now being built near Fareham in Hampshire.

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Shamir presence at peace talks seen as a signal of no-compromise stance

Arabs agree united front against Israel

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

WITH postures hardening on both sides of the Middle East divide, the Arab states agreed yesterday to maintain a common stand at all stages of next week's landmark talks with Israel in Madrid and called for an immediate end to the settlement of Jews on land occupied by Israel after the 1967 six-day war.

The agreement, after two days of discussions in Damascus, was reached as Arab leaders, including President Mubarak of Egypt and King Husain of Jordan, came under increasing Western pressure to go to Madrid now that Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's hardline prime minister, has announced that he will be there.

Arab governments and Palestinians were unanimous in interpreting Mr Shamir's decision as a signal that Israel intends to offer no compromises. "If Shamir is the negotiator, Israel's position will be more extreme, I am convinced of this," Haidar Abdul-Shafi, the chief Palestinian negotiator for the talks, said.

In a statement made on behalf of the 15 Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Damascus, the Arabs undertook to hold further meetings to review talks held by any of the Arab delegations with their Israeli counterparts. "The aim is to ensure that nobody again makes a unilateral deal as Egypt did in 1979," a senior Arab diplomat said.

The statement continued: "The main aims are to ensure Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory, including Jerusalem, to halt Israeli settlement immediately and to ensure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people." Although the meeting of Arab states fell short of PLO attempts to organise a summit of all leaders of Arab countries participating at Madrid, the adoption of a joint stand was seen as a boost for the organisation's efforts to preclude any deal not embracing the Palestinian issue.

Diplomats said that Saudi Arabia and Morocco were exerting influence behind the scenes to prevent an early breakdown of the Madrid talks. This could happen if any members of the Palestinian delegation openly declared allegiance to the PLO.

The Damascus statement did not say if the other Arab participants had agreed to accede to Syria's wish to delay the proposed third stage of the conference — multilateral talks on regional issues such as water — until Israel yields on the key point of returning land for peace. No decision has been made on where future stages of the peace conference will be held. Israel wants stage two in the Middle East, while Syria wants it in Europe. The Americans have offered Washington as a possible compromise.

Western officials said yesterday that the American government hoped to persuade President Mubarak to fly to Madrid as a useful middleman and potential deal-maker. Egypt, still the only Arab state officially at peace with Israel, is attending as an observer.

Officials in Amman, the Jordanian capital, said it was unlikely that King Husain would attend, but they did not rule out a change of heart. Arab sources predicted that it was also unlikely that Syria's President Assad would reverse his previous refusal to travel to Madrid to meet the Israelis in person.

While Mr Shamir's decision to lead his country's delegation deepened the gloom about the conference's prospects in the Arab world, Western diplomats were attempting to put it in a different light.

Some argued that it would raise the profile of the conference and increase the chances of a proper dialogue which could have lasting effects. "Levy could not in any case have struck any deals that Shamir did not approve of, even if his manner had been more accommodating," an European envoy said.

The PLO has urged Palestinians in the occupied territories to step up the intifada in protest against Israeli military rule in an attempt to strengthen the hand of Arab negotiators at the talks. Nabil Shaath, political adviser to Mr Arafat, gave a warning in Jordan that the start of the talks should not signal an end to the intifada, now nearly four years old. Since it began, more than 830 Palestinians have been killed by Israelis, the Palestinians have killed some 70 Israelis, and uprising militants have killed 409 Arabs, most of them suspected collaborators.

"We have to struggle through diplomacy inside the peace conference," Mr Shaath said. "But we have to intensify the intifada and escalate the military struggle against Israeli military targets. Nobody has the right to stop the intifada. Using diplomatic struggle alone, one cannot realise anything. We have to keep proving to the Americans that there will never be peace, security and stability for anyone if justice to the Palestinian people is not achieved."

● **Amman:** Abdul-Salam al-Majali, a former minister of health and education and political adviser to King Hussein, will lead Jordan's team in bilateral peace talks with Israel, an official source said yesterday. The announcement of his appointment is expected after the start of the talks.

Mr al-Majali served as an adviser to the king two years ago after leaving his cabinet post. He is also a former president of the University of Jordan. A medical doctor who comes from a prominent Muslim tribe in south Jordan, he declined to comment yesterday until his appointment is officially announced.

Kamel Abu Jaber, the Jordanian foreign minister who is a US-educated Christian, will lead the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the opening session in Madrid. The Palestinians are expected in Amman today. *(Reuter)*

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We shall not be moved: Yitzhak Shamir, the hardline Israeli prime minister, talking to the media in his Jerusalem office this week. He intends to keep David Levy, his foreign secretary, out of key posts at the Madrid talks



Ben Aharon: tipped for talks with Syria



Netanyahu: a key role as media spokesman



Lubrani: likely to head Lebanon talks

THE HARDLINE NEGOTIATORS

Jerusalem — Israel was last night finalising the list of hardline negotiators who will take part in next week's Middle East conference (Richard Beeston writes).

The team is expected to include leading officials from the prime minister's entourage. These include Yossi Ben Aharon, the director-general of the prime minister's office tipped to head the bilateral talks with Syria; Eliakim Rubinstein, the cabinet secretary expected to handle negotiations with the Palestinian-Jordanian delegation; and, Uri Lubrani, Israel's chief hostage neogtiator at the ministry of defence, who is likely to head the talks with Lebanon.

Another likely participant is Benjamin Netanyahu, the deputy foreign minister, who is likely to play an important role as media spokesman.

US takes care with Madrid applecart

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MARLIN Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, threw up his arms in mock horror. He had been asked to respond to the declaration by Yassir Arafat that he, as chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, would control the Palestinian delegation at next week's Middle East peace conference.

"I am not going to take the chance of saying the wrong thing," Mr Fitzwater said. The situation was just "too delicate, too sensitive".

A similiar official American silence greeted news on Wednesday that Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, and not David Levy, the moderate foreign minister, would lead his country's delegation in Madrid. James Baker, the American Secretary of State, had apparently tried to deflect Mr Shamir from this course during a telephone call on Tuesday. Mr Shamir's decision was seen here as a clear warning of Israeli intransigence during the forthcoming talks, but no official would express his alarm publicly.

After eight months of prodigious effort, Mr Baker is within an ace of bringing four Arab nations, the Palestinians and the Israelis to the negotiating table for the first time in Israel's 43-year history. He has done so by relentless arm-twisting arms and by finessing and postponing the substantive issues until the talks get under way. He is determined that the applecart should not be upset at the 11th hour. The problem is that he and his small circle of close aides have spent so much time on convening the talks that, critics say, too little time has gone into plotting what happens when they start.

Officials hope that simply bringing the opposing factions face to face, with Presidents Bush and Gorbachev present, will produce some kind of "chemical reaction" strong enough to surmount the ancient barriers. But they are not over-optimistic. "People ought not to get expectations too high," Mr Bush said this week. Washington realises that most participants will be present only because they had little other choice.

Kurdish rebels step up attacks

Istanbul — Kurdish separatists attacked a train outside Mus, a town in southeast Turkey, on Wednesday, beginning an upsurge of violence in the area (Andrew Finkel writes).

A group of 20 men, believed to belong to the Kurdish Workers' party gave the passengers a political lecture, and later, according to the Anatolian News Agency, sprayed the departing train with automatic weapons fire, killing a man and wounding three others. Separatists yesterday ambushed a patrol near Silopi, on the border with Iraq; five soldiers were reportedly killed. The incidents coincide with a visit to the southeast by General Dogan Gures, the Turkish chief of staff, and also by the heads of the army, air force and gendarmerie.

General Gures has said that the armed forces could end the insurgency in six months but that this would mean damaging the democratic process. In last Sunday's election, 22 candidates with radical views on the Kurdish issue were elected for the Social Democratic Populist party, a likely coalition partner for the True Path party.

It was also reported yesterday that three separatists had blown themselves up while laying landmines in the province of Mardin and that police had recovered two arms caches, arresting 11 people.

Iraq must pay

Geneva — Iraq will have to recompense victims for mental pain and anguish caused by its invasion of Kuwait, the UN has decided. They include hostages held as human shields against allied bombing raids, people raped or tortured and those forced into hiding. The governing council of the UN compensation fund, to be funded from Iraqi oil revenues, has yet to decide the level of payments. *(Reuter)*

Sect leader dies

Beirut — Sheikh Muhammad Abu Shakra, the spiritual leader of Lebanon's Druze community since 1949, has died, aged 81. Before his death, the leader delegated his duties to Sheikh Bahjat Gaith, aged 50. The Druze, who are a secret sect, believe in reincarnation. *(Reuter)*

Elite White House guards dismissed for drug abuse

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THEY were the elite 180-strong Ceremonial Guard, the shaven-headed, immaculately-groomed, expressionless soldiers who performed with robotic precision at formal White House welcoming ceremonies just yards from President Bush and visiting heads of state. Unfortunately, many of them were also junkies.

The US Navy confirmed yesterday that 14 members of the guard had been dismissed after being found to have used LSD or marijuana. Their misconduct had been exposed by random urine tests and a seven-month investigation that included undercover "sting" operations in popular Washington nightclubs.

That was not all. Also incriminated were medical trainees at the Bethesda Naval Medical Centre in northern Washington. This is the institution that treats American presidents and where President Bush himself spent three days earlier this year after developing heart palpitations. Fourteen of the trainees have been court-martialled.

Nearly 40 enlisted naval personnel were caught in all. Their punishments have ranged from demotion to dishonourable discharge and up to 25 years in a military prison.

The navy did its best to minimise the implications of disclosures that became public only after lawyers for one of the last defendants claimed entrapment, arguing that his client was placed in barracks where the navy knew there were active LSD dealers. "None of these individuals were in a position that involved national security or direct access to the president," a Pentagon spokesman said.

"The navy has a long-standing zero-tolerance policy on drug abuse. We started random drug testing in 1980 and we have got down to 1.1 per cent use in 1990 from 33 per cent in 1980, so we think we've been pretty successful," he added.

Lieutenant-Commander William Clyde, a spokesman for the medical centre, insisted that "the quality of medical care here has not been compromised". But, for Mr Bush, who declared war on drugs soon after taking office, the revelations are distinctly embarrassing, a reminder that, despite all the early rhetoric, Mr Bush's war on drugs has had little effect, although public attention has long since moved on to other issues.

Coinciding with the news of drug abuse in the presidential guard were separate State Department and congressional reports saying that the administration's policy of pumping tens of millions of dollars into Andean nations to curb coca production had had little impact.

The administration's claims of success against drug traffiking were "only so much bravado", John Conyers, Democratic chairman of the House Government Operations committee, said.

Cuba 'will defend ideology'

Cozumel, Mexico — Cubans will defend their communist ideology "like Christians in the catacombs of Rome", says President Castro.

Dr Castro, who earlier met the leaders of Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, urged the United States to end a 30-year-old trade blockade of his country. He said Washington was intent on "sinking" Cuba with its trade embargo, and chances of improving relations between the two hostile neighbours were minimal. "There are very few possibilities of improving relations, because the US government considers itself at this moment ruler of the world," the Cuban leader, clad in his familiar olive-green military fatigues, told a news conference.

Presidents Carlos Salinas of Mexico, Carlos Andrés Pérez of Venezuela and Cesár Gaviria of Colombia agreed at a summit in the coastal resort of Cozumel to work on Cuba's behalf to help settle its international difficulties. *(Reuter)*

Doctor questioned after new suicides

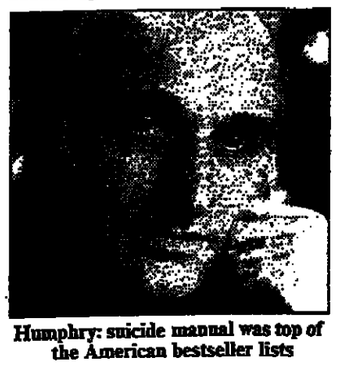
From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

PROSECUTORS in Michigan yesterday scoured their law books for grounds to bring charges against Dr Jack Kevorkian, the inventor of a "suicide machine", after two women killed themselves.

Dr Kevorkian, a pathologist whom the press has nicknamed "Dr Death", has been under a court order not to use his contraption since a judge dismissed charges of murder against him last February. That case was brought after a terminally ill woman used the machine to commit suicide by administering a lethal intravenous dose under Dr Kevorkian's supervision.

Dr Kevorkian reported the latest suicides to the police on Wednesday night. Sherry Miller, who was aged 43 and suffered from multiple sclerosis, used a mask to inhale carbon monoxide, and Marjorie Wantz, aged 58, who had a pelvic disease, used the machine which lets the patient pull a lever to administer the drugs, police said.

Richard Thompson, the prosecutor who brought the earlier charges, said that he would try to bring a new case against Dr Kevorkian. The doctor's lawyer said that he had done nothing illegal. "It's a humane, ethical, medical act," he said. The Michigan police were considering murder charges against Dr Kevorkian, said Sergeant Dale Romeo, of the sheriff's office. "The people were still hooked up to the machines when the sheriff got there," he said. Dr Kevorkian would face contempt of court charges at least, prosecutors said. Dr Kevorkian, aged 63, was questioned and released yesterday.



Humphry: suicide manual was top of the American bestseller lists

Mrs Miller, a divorced mother of two, had testified for Dr Kevorkian at a court hearing last January. "I'm the one making the decision to end my life, nobody else, and I want that right," she said then. "I've given it long consideration. My life is no longer a quality life, otherwise I wouldn't be here."

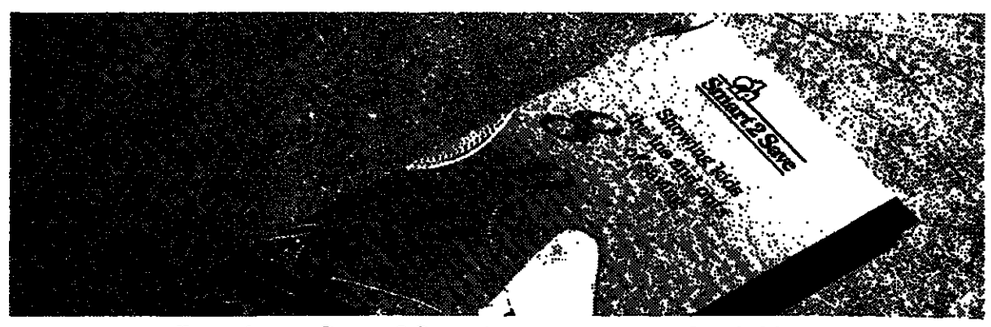
Last summer Mrs Wantz said that she tried to follow the directions in *Final Exit*, a suicide manual which topped the American bestseller lists for months earlier this year. When she failed, she turned to Dr Kevorkian.

Like half the American states, Michigan has no law specifically prohibiting assistance to a suicide. Though Dr Kevorkian portrays himself as a campaigner for euthanasia, his methods have embarrassed other doctors who support the right of terminally ill people to end their lives. "Kevorkian continues to show the dark side of the active euthanasia movement," said Arthur Caplan, a bioethics specialist at the University of Minnesota.

The movement fell into some disrepute after the suicide earlier this month of the former wife of Derek Humphry, the British-born director of the Hemlock Society and author of *Final Exit*. Ann Humphry, who was aged 49, left letters accusing Mr Humphry of precipitating her death.

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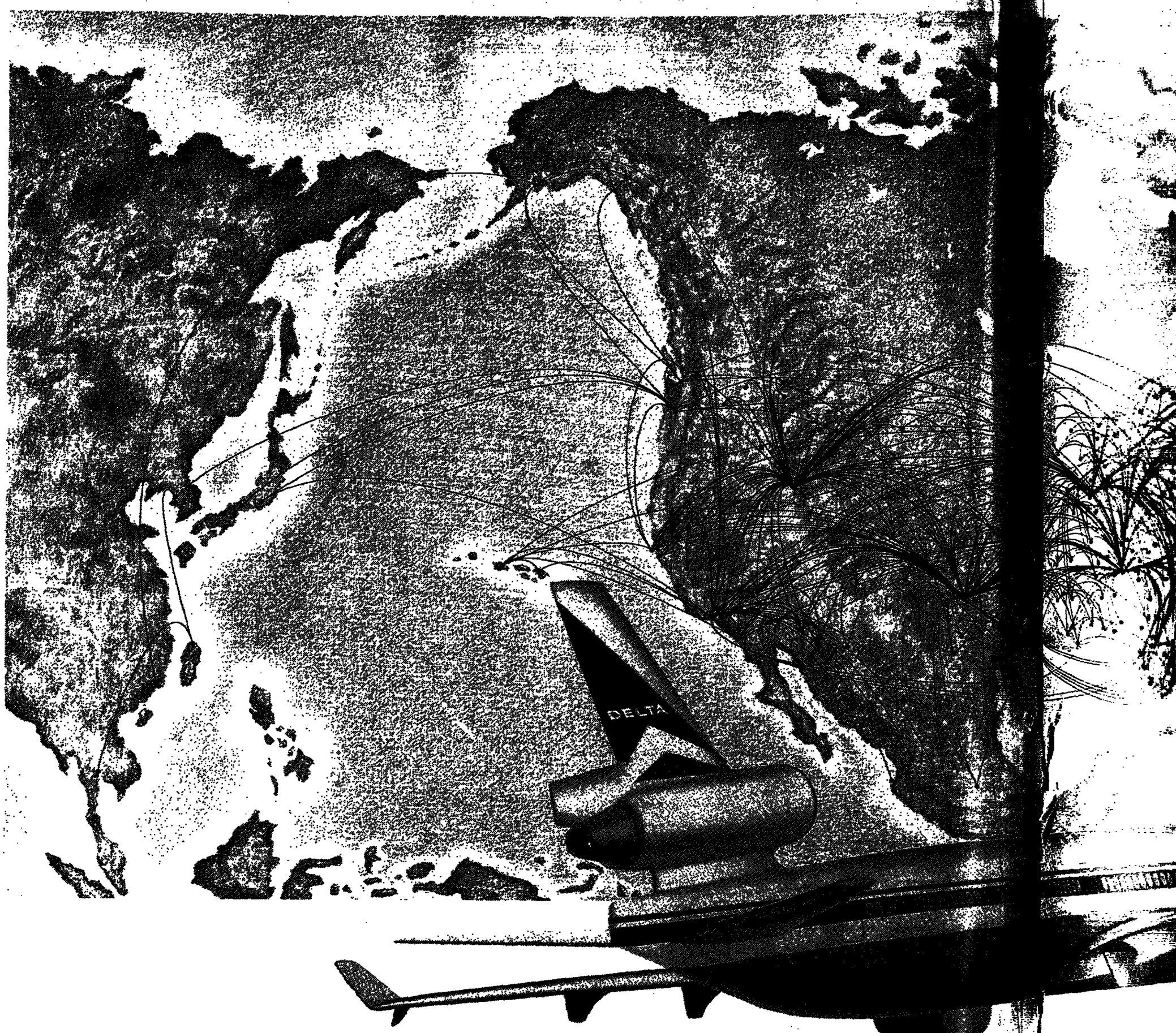
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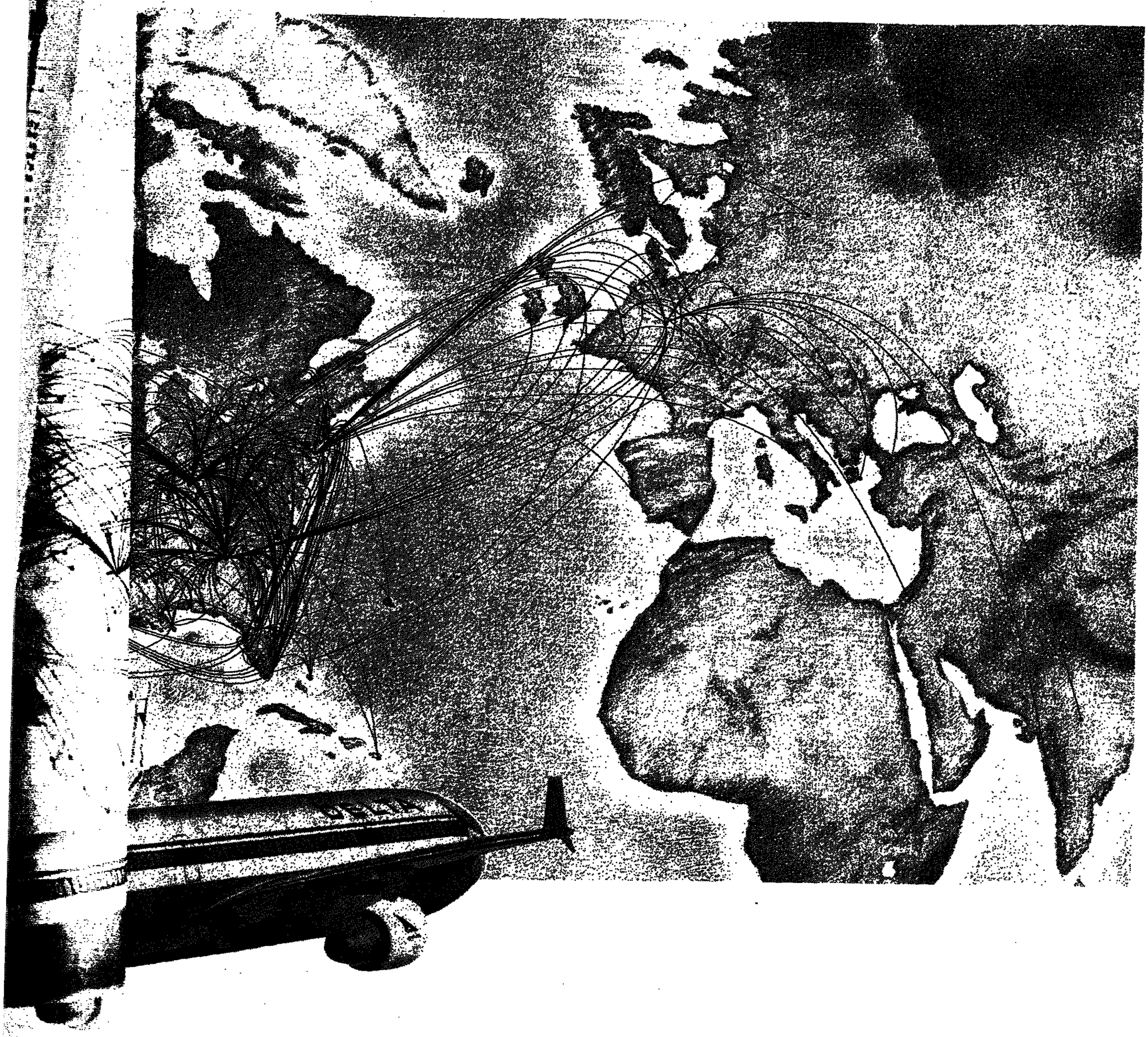
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Attacks on medieval heart of Dubrovnik signify battle between Croatian and Serbian cultures

Art falls prey to change in federal army tactics

The 'Pearl of the Adriatic' is one of several ancient cities whose historic riches are threatened, Roger Boyes, East Europe correspondent, writes

BY BOMBING Dubrovnik's medieval heart, Yugoslavia's federal generals have made plain that they are no longer waging war to protect Serbian minorities or to capture strategic positions, but to assert a victory of Serbian culture over Croatian.

In a war designed to rewrite history, churches, palaces and museums are "legitimate" targets, not accidental casualties. The Zagreb national museum believes that 214 out of 224 registered Croatian monuments have come under fire. Half of these have been either badly damaged or destroyed. Croat officials may be exaggerating the scale of destruction, but other sources, such as the Catholic episcopate, which says 120 churches have suffered war damage, confirm that Yugoslav artillery and mortar fire is doing irreparable harm.

When the war began three months ago, Yugoslav army commanders claimed that they were targeting churches because Croat snipers were shooting from steeples. Now no explanations are given. The co-ordinated attack on Dubrovnik's centre, where the treasures include the baroque cathedral housing Titian's *Assumption*, the 14th-century rector's palace and the Sponza palace and clocktower, indicates that the target is now Croatia's cultural heritage.

The Serbs say Dubrovnik, "pearl of the Adriatic", was never Croatian and does not belong in an independent Croatia. Montenegro, Serbia's ally on most issues, agrees and sees no reason why it should not extend its coastline northwards to include it. There is talk in Belgrade of making Dubrovnik a free-trade zone. But none of this really matters to the Yugoslav generals, or the "Greater Serbia" ideologues: the main point is simply to take Dubrovnik away from the Croats.

Dubrovnik was indeed a free city until Napoleon subjugated it in 1808. It was assigned to Austria by the Congress of Vienna in 1815 and, after the collapse of the Habsburg empire, was incorporated into Yugoslavia in 1918. The inhabitants of Ragusa, as ancient Dubrovnik was known, did not identify with the Croats or with any nation. Ivan Gundulic, the great Ragusian poet of the baroque era, wrote in the language known as "Slavic". Nevertheless, if anybody has a claim on Dubrovnik, Croatia does.

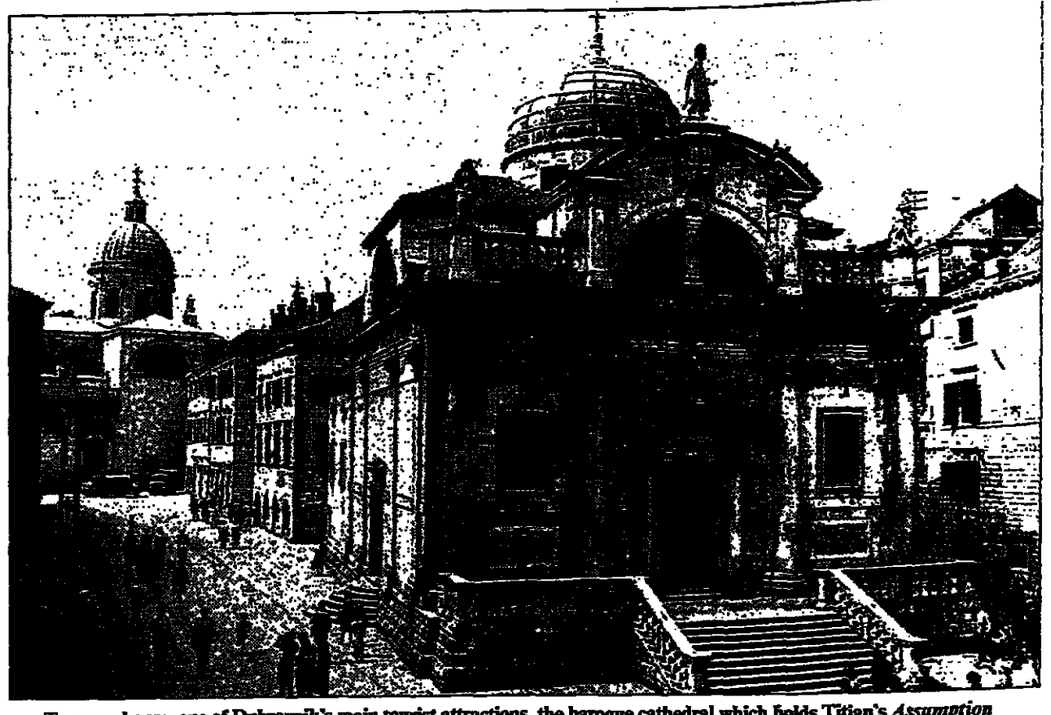
Ancient Ragusa was Catholic, like the Croats, and the influx of inhabitants after 1808 was almost exclusively from Croatia. In the 1920s and 1930s, Dubrovnik was aligned with Croat politics. Today, those who do not declare themselves Ragusian say they feel Croatian.

Dubrovnik is not the only pearl along the Dalmatian coast under threat. Dalmatia is one of those rare stretches of Europe which can display an uninterrupted historical line from Roman times. Split, like Dubrovnik, was established under fire. When the Croats moved in on the late Roman city of Salona in AD610, the locals fled behind the walls of the Diocletian palace and eventually set up the community that became Split. The result is an extravagant jumble of relics. The cathedral is built over the former Roman imperial mausoleum.

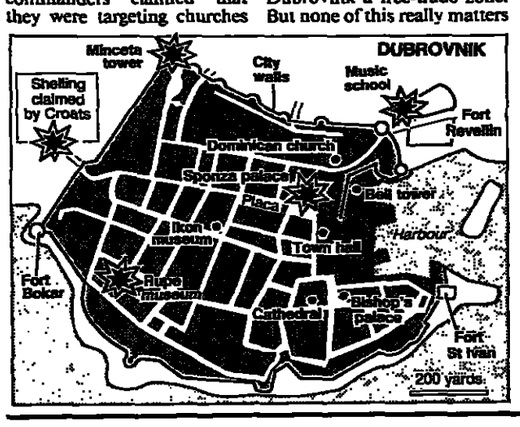
The fighting around Split is in temporary abeyance, but few of the locals believe their city is safe. Pre-Roman work around Saint Donat church has been damaged by shrapnel in the port of Zadar. The roof of the 16th-century cathedral of Saint Jakov in the port of Sibinik has collapsed after a bomb attack and the dome is cracked.

In Trogir, the cathedral with Venetian lions at the portal has also been damaged. In eastern Croatia, in the battlefields of Slavonia, well-preserved Roman ruins have become modern Yugoslav ruins. Perhaps the most symbolic casualty is the 19th-century cathedral of Djakovo. This was the seat of Bishop Josip Strossmeyer, whose large diocese in Slavonia included both Catholic and Orthodox believers — Croats and Serbs.

He believed that Serbs and Croats should transcend their ethnic loyalties and live together in a modern Yugoslavia. Now machinegun bullets have left scars on the walls of the cathedral and ripped holes in the roof. The destruction is the end not only of Bishop Strossmeyer's intricately built church, deliberately combining Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox architectural features, but also of his ideals.



Treasure house: one of Dubrovnik's main tourist attractions, the baroque cathedral which holds Titian's *Assumption*



Croats retreat from Dubrovnik

From TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB

CROAT troops were in retreat yesterday as the Yugoslav military stepped up its assault on the ancient Adriatic city of Dubrovnik. Moving under cover of army and navy artillery barrages, Yugoslav troops were reported to be closing in on the port which they have laid siege to since October 1. "The city is moving towards its most dramatic hours," Croatian radio said.

In a setback to Croatia's war effort, the navy landed on the beaches of Kupari, four miles southeast of the city, and forced Croat fighters to retreat under a barrage of shells, the radio said. It said that Croat soldiers were withdrawing and that Yugoslav troops were advancing from the direction of the Serbian stronghold of Trebinje in Boznia-Herzegovina.

As the army tightened its grip around Dubrovnik, there were reports that Vukovar had been shelled and that Vinkovci had been strafed. Fighting was also reported from Sisak, southeast of the Croatian capital, Zagreb, and Karlovac to the southwest.

General Andrija Raseta, the senior Yugoslav military official in Zagreb, refused to comment as he left a meeting with European Community ceasefire monitors yesterday, but Simon Smits, the spokesman, said he had agreed to a ceasefire but this would have to be cleared with superiors.



The Sponza clocktower Dubrovnik's old town

Kiev and Moscow seek to allay weapons fear

By MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Ukrainian parliament yesterday accepted Soviet control over nuclear arms in the republic but demanded a veto over their use.

The legislature declared that the republic aimed to become a nuclear-free zone. A statement said: "Nuclear arms on Ukrainian territory are under the control of what was the Soviet Union. The Ukraine insists on its right to [joint] control over their use."

It pledged observance of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, and said: "The Ukraine is ready to start talks with all sides concerned on liquidation of the rest of the nuclear arms on its territory."

In Moscow, the Soviet defence ministry responded cautiously yesterday to moves by the Ukraine to form its own army, but emphasised that nuclear weapons would remain under central command. Referring to Tuesday's vote by the Ukrainian parliament, Lieutenant-General Valeri Manilov, the ministry spokesman, said: "The Ukraine has the right to announce the formation of its own armed forces ... But this is a serious question that is currently under discussion in the Ukrainian parliament, and we are analysing it. I am sure we will find a sensible and mutually acceptable solution based on the law." Nuclear weapons, he said "should stay under single command and control".

This uncharacteristically mild response from the Soviet defence establishment to the possibility of a separate Ukrainian army seemed intended to avoid creating further difficulties, and to calm Western fears about the emergence of several armies and nuclear weapons centres on the territory of the Soviet Union.

However, some of General Manilov's remarks suggested that the defence ministry's public calm concealed not only deep concern, but an element of panic.

Asked whether he could envisage a day when the Soviet army would no longer exist, he said "cutting up the Soviet armed forces into little pieces could provoke a cataclysm that humanity would hardly be able to survive", adding: "I am sure that economic and political considerations will not allow that to happen."

Kiev: The Ukrainian parliament rejected government plans for post-independence economic reform yesterday. Only 221 of the 450 deputies voted for proposals to create a new central bank, introduce a separate currency and encourage private property. Radical deputies called for faster change and demanded the resignation of prime minister, Vitold Fokin. *(Reuter)*

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Israel reopens embassy

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

ARYE Levin, who is about to become Israel's first ambassador in Moscow for a quarter of a century, stood bareheaded in the street yesterday, joining about 100 well-wishers in a brief ceremony to mark the embassy's formal reopening. In a gesture no less historic for being endlessly predicted, he removed a plaque describing the featureless, pale yellow building as a "consulate-general" and restored the old one designating it, in Russian and Hebrew, an embassy. Then he hoisted an Israeli flag and joined the small crowd in Israel's national anthem.

Mr Levin will become ambassador as soon as he presents his credentials to Mr Gorbachev. The resumption of full diplomatic ties, which will help clear the path for the Middle East peace conference, closes a chapter that began when the Soviet Union severed ties with Israel as a result of the six-day war in 1967.

Over the past two years, as an endless stream of would-be emigrants to Israel gathered outside its gates, the building's status has been gradually upgraded from that of "Israeli section" at the Dutch embassy which used to represent the country's interests. Asked about prospects for direct ties with the old Soviet republics, Mr Levin said cautiously that the Russian Federation was not, as yet, a fully sovereign state but that the issue might arise in the future.

Poles favour former marxist as premier

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

JACEK Kuron, the former Solidarity dissident, is emerging as the strongest candidate for Polish prime minister after the parliamentary elections on Sunday. Mr Kuron, aged 57, the *bête noire* of communist regimes in Warsaw and Moscow for 25 years, is topping every opinion poll. The latest survey shows that 84 per cent of Poles regard him as the most trustworthy politician.

He has attracted a large following among women. In a serious poll last week, 503 out of 1,500 women questioned in Poznan said they could imagine themselves falling in love with Mr Kuron.

If Mr Kuron wins, Western heads of government will have to adjust to a different kind of statesman. As minister of labour in the first Solidarity government, he tried unsuccessfully to put on a suit ("It's like riding a bicycle," he told colleagues, "either you can do it, or you can't") and now wears jeans. He chain-smokes, swears, frequently scratches himself and has a taste, rarely satisfied, for Scotch whisky.

The political logic of Mr Kuron heading the Polish government is as follows: the biggest party after the elections is almost certain to be the Democratic Union led by Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a former prime minister. This party, a blend of Christian and social democracy, emerged after the Solidarity movement splintered and was originally aimed at defending Mr Mazowiecki's policies against the criticism of Mr Walesa or the right wing.

But the choice of premier is President Walesa's and he is unlikely to pick Mr Mazowiecki. "Tadeusz wants to return to the position from which he was dismissed after he lost," the president said. Mr Walesa could ask Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, the present premier, to stay but Mr Bielecki's party — the liberal Democratic Congress — is doing poorly. Mr Kuron, from the Democratic Union, appears a strong candidate — committed to free-market reforms and shock therapy, but also sensitive to the problems of the unemployed.



Kuron: regarded as most trustworthy politician

Even so, there are those with doubts. Mr Kuron began his political career as a committed marxist. When he first distinguished himself as a dissident, it was from the trotskyite viewpoint. In 1964 he was expelled from the party and jailed.

Party doubts grow over Mitterrand

Many in the president's own party are asking how long M Mitterrand can ignore the feeling that he is losing his grip, John Phillips writes from Paris

AS PRESIDENT Mitterrand prepares to celebrate his 75th birthday tomorrow after a week of ominous strikes, many of his own socialist acolytes are asking how long he can turn a deaf ear to a growing body of opinion that says he is losing his grip.

A one-day general strike for higher wages by the three main trade union federations disrupted metro, bus and train services in and around Paris yesterday. Dockers refused to unload cargoes at French ports, electricity supplies fell by 20 per cent and demonstrations by nurses, social workers and physiotherapists disrupted traffic in the capital.

Even many Paris taxi drivers stayed at home. A components factory strike has hit the state-run Renault car firm badly and the socialist mayor of Clermont-Ferrand struck a chord nationally when he resigned over inadequate government relief for workers laid off by the Michelin tyre concern. Union leaders see yesterday's stoppage as a dress rehearsal for a general strike they plan for next month.

At a tense cabinet meeting, President Mitterrand praised his protégée Edith Cresson, the increasingly unpopular prime minister, for obtaining a settlement in civil service pay talks on Tuesday. But treasury officials fear the 6.5 per cent increase for 4.5 million government workers and 1.5 million pensioners will hurt the economy.

President Mitterrand also defended Mme Cresson's turbulent five months in office in a radio interview this week, but political observers believe he must soon decide to sacrifice her to prevent his own popularity slipping too far. Many socialist deputies are so fed up with Mme Cresson that they did not bother to listen to the president's broadcast. *Libération* newspaper reported, and those who did were not very impressed. Jean Le Garrec, the socialist parliamentary group spokesman, said the interview was "well-perceived but insufficient".

A plan announced by M Mitterrand on Wednesday to give pensions to peasants who want to take early retirement was received well by leaders of farmers' unions. But police in rural areas fear more violent protests.

In the National Assembly yesterday, Mme Cresson's minority government had to rely once again on the goodwill of the hardline Communist party to survive a censure motion.

The left-wing daily *Le Monde* said assertions by opposition leaders that the president was losing his touch in his advanced years needed to be taken seriously. "As he prepares to celebrate his 75th birthday, he especially cannot be unaware that he has not heard the last of reproaches by his adversaries of living 'out of time'," it said.

An opinion poll conducted for RTL Radio and *Le Monde* showed that growing malaise over the state of France after ten years under M Mitterrand was benefiting Jean-Marie Le Pen, the right-wing extremist. As many as 32 per cent of French people — 14 points more than in September — said they supported his hardline views on Arab and African immigration.

Most political pundits agree that only a miracle could save Mme Cresson from being replaced next spring in order to give a new prime minister time to prepare for general elections in 1993.

● **Campaign halted:** French farmers yesterday halted their campaign of often violent protests after President Mitterrand announced his proposals to help them. National and regional farmers' leaders said they had decided to give the government time to implement the measures. *(Reuter)*

Austrians critical of Jews

Vienna — Nearly a third of Austrians dislike Jews and foreigners, according to poll results published hours before a march to combat anti-semitism yesterday. The findings by the Gallup institute highlighted the main campaign theme of Vienna's municipal elections next month — the treatment of foreigners.

Nineteen per cent of those questioned said they believed it would be better if there were no Jews in Austria, 20 per cent thought Jews should be barred from top jobs and 31 per cent did not want Jewish neighbours. Almost a third of 2,000 people polled said Jews exploited the holocaust "for their own ends" and more than half wanted an end to its commemoration.

The poll, commissioned by the American Jewish Committee, was made public as Austria's student federation prepared to march through Vienna in protest against renewed attacks on Jewish graves. *(Reuter)*

Basque deaths

San Sebastian — Two civil guards were killed by hooded gunmen in Spain's volatile Basque country and police foiled another attack when they defused a car bomb in the northeastern city of Zaragoza. The attacks are believed to be the work of the Basque separatists, Eta. *(Reuter)*

Hot seat

Arnhem — The Smeenk family's toilet has exploded for the second time in two years. The Environmental Inspection Authority is baffled, though a spokeswoman noted that a petrochemical complex nearby used the same Dutch sewer system. *(AP)*

Nuclear pull-out finished

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

ALL of the Soviet Union's nuclear weapons have now been removed from what was east Germany, and Moscow is trying to accelerate the withdrawal of its remaining troops in an effort to persuade Bonn to increase its financial support for the Soviet economy. There are even suggestions that Erich Honecker, the former East German leader living in exile near Moscow, could be sent home to stand trial if a new aid package is agreed.

Financial experts from the Group of Seven industrialised nations are meeting in Moscow at the weekend to discuss the economic situation in the Soviet Union and ways in which help should be given. Yesterday Horst Köhler, the junior finance minister, said in Bonn that Western help might be needed to ward off a "liquidity crisis".

By removing its atomic weapons, the Soviet Union has carefully wooed public opinion in Germany, where there is growing impatience with the slowness of Nato in withdrawing the short-range nuclear missiles and artillery shells still deployed where they could reach only German territory.

Nikolai Fedorov, the Russian justice minister, has promised that Herr Honecker will be sent back to Germany as soon as doctors certify him fit and well. Klaus Kinkel, the German justice minister, who has just returned from a visit to Moscow to press for the former East German leader's repatriation, has said charges against Herr Honecker could be widened. He is already wanted for issuing the shoot-to-kill orders which led to 200 people being killed as they tried to escape from East Germany to the West.

Citizen Hearst still casts a giant shadow

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK



Polishing a legend: Hearst's notoriety lives on. Now his son is cleaning up the press baron's image

IN THE American newspaper business, there has been no more towering figure than William Randolph Hearst, who wielded the kind of power of which modern press barons can only dream.

Hearst was known as a ruthless, flamboyant giant of the age and his notoriety lives on thanks to *Citizen Kane*, Orson Welles's caricature of him. Hearst never responded to his critics. But now, 40 years since he died, his son William Randolph Jr has written a book — *The Hearsts: Father and Son* — which he hopes will vindicate the old man.

"My father has been described as the personification of evil genius. That is a tragic oversimplification," says Hearst, who is aged 83 and has spent his life reporting for, and then running, his father's newspapers. "Pop was a man of countless hues, an incredibly adventurous individual with a boundless spirit and outlook. He was also very patriotic."

Frail and wistful, "Bill" Hearst can be found on the second floor of the art-deco Hearst building on Eighth Avenue. It is is like visiting New York's old newspaper days, the era of gangsters and wise-cracking reporters, corrupt mayors and hold-the-front-page editors.

The tycoon stares down from a portrait as his son defends him. Hearst was misunderstood, he says. He may have been something of a bully and a taskmaster, but he was a champion of the underdog and a man of decency. "There was a lot of bad publicity from Orson Welles and one or two others, most of it jealousy and most of it written by people who never met him, never even shook his hand. It never bothered him. He didn't ever see *Citizen Kane* and nor did I." He does concede that Hearst's Hollywood friends, notably Louis Meyer, almost ran Welles out of town.

According to the son, Hearst did more for American education than the schools and universities because his popular "yellow press" papers encouraged so many to read. Mr Hearst also punctures a legend of American journalism — a telegram his father was said to have written to Frederick Remington, the artist he had sent to Cuba during its battle for independence from Spain. The telegram was said to have read: "You furnish the pictures and I'll furnish the war."

"Pop told me he never sent any such cable and there has never been any proof that he did," says Mr Hearst. The proprietor of the *New York Journal* is nevertheless credited, along with Joseph Pulitzer, his rival, with effectively launching the Spanish-American war as a weapon in their circulation battle.

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Khmer Rouge hails peace as Hanoi defeat

By JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

KHMER Rouge guerrillas have hailed the Cambodian peace accord as a victory over Vietnam. "From now on the Vietnamese aggressor forces or authorities can no longer stay in Cambodia," a Khmer Rouge radio commentary said yesterday, adding: "This is a great historic victory for our nation and our people ... Our country will be completely liberated."

The United Nations-brokered peace accord, signed in Paris on Wednesday, formally ends a war which began when Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978 to oust the Khmer Rouge. Hanoi officially withdrew its troops in September 1989, leaving the government it set up to fight alone against the Chinese and Western-backed guerrilla alliance.

Since the signing came at 1.30am Cambodian time, there were no fireworks or signs of jubilation in the Cambodian capital, giving the first hours of peace a certain tentative feeling. "The streets were totally deserted," said an Australian diplomat who drove home from his country's new embassy in the early hours. Early yesterday another diplomat said: "It's business much as usual." A woman shopkeeper in Monivong Avenue, one of Phnom Penh's main streets, said: "I am happy, of course, but I think we all have to wait and see."

Later yesterday, the ruling People's party, which last week dropped the word "revolutionary" from its title and dumped socialism in favour of free-market economics and liberal democracy, held a rally in front of the royal palace. Suddenly, all the red banners have become blue, although their messages still have a certain revolutionary flavour. "Long live the Cambodian people," said one streaming over the dancing pavilion at the palace. "Hail the victories of the People's party of Cambodia," said another.

Old habits die hard, and the rally of about 10,000 people was as "spontaneous" as they ever were here, most spectators arriving in lorries, and soldiers goose-stepping in the correct Red Square manner.

Chea Sim, the party's president and an old-style marxist now suddenly converted to the market ideas of Adam Smith, called on Cambodians to "strengthen and consolidate the spirit of national reconciliation and do everything for peace in Cambodia".

Not once during a 20-minute speech did he mention the Khmer Rouge, under whose rule up to a million people died in Cambodia. But the Khmer Rouge is represented on the Supreme National Council, headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, which will embody Cambodia's sovereignty until United Nations-supervised elections in 1993.

Two Khmer Rouge leaders will travel to Phnom Penh after Prince Sihanouk returns next month. The prospect is a chilling one for Cambodians.

A government aide said that, in the interests of "national reconciliation", negative references to Khmer Rouge genocide are likely to be toned down or dropped. "We cannot forget the past holocaust," he said. "But now we want peace."

Aborigines demand clean-up

Sydney — Aboriginal leaders arrive in London today to press their demand for the British government to clean up severe radioactive contamination left on their lands in South Australia by British nuclear tests in the 1950s and 1960s (Robert Cockburn writes).

Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister, has formally asked Britain to help pay for a $A93 million (£43 million) clean-up at the former Maralinga nuclear range, but the government has refused to accept responsibility.

Flag burned

Ulan Bator — Mongolian students have begun a demonstration against repression in the Chinese region of Inner Mongolia, pitching a tent and burning the Chinese flag outside Peking's embassy. The eight students said they would stay until China promised to stop abusing human rights in Inner Mongolia. *(Reuter)*

Hong Kong snub

Hong Kong — In a direct snub for Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement, Sir David Wilson, the governor, yesterday declined to appoint any liberals to the executive council, the territory's main policy-making body, which will sit for two years. Instead he appointed ten mostly conservative legislators. *(AP)*

Drinking on duty

Seoul — South Korea's Supreme Court has ordered compensation of £52,000 to the widow of a businessman who died after drinking with clients "in the line of duty". Park Byung-Kun worked for the Oriental Chemical Company. *(AFP)*

Koreans agree to draft pact

From REUTER IN SEOUL

THE prime ministers of communist North Korea and capitalist South Korea ended talks yesterday with an agreement to draft a non-aggression pact, the first real progress since their meetings began 14 months ago.

But analysts and officials said it was too early to predict a thaw in relations. They said both would need to make concessions before the pact could be completed.

Yon Hyong Muk, the North Korean prime minister, and Chung Won Shik, his South Korean counterpart, also agreed to meet in Seoul for a fifth round of talks from December 10 to 13. Until then, officials from both sides will try to draft a pact.

Officials in both North and South Korea described the agreement to try to unite their policies in a single pact on reconciliation and non-aggression as a great leap towards reunification. But analysts in Seoul said the two sides remained far apart in their basic approaches.

The prime ministers of the two Koreas have now met four times since September last year.



Joan Collins, weighed down by bouquets of roses, acknowledges the applause after her American stage debut in *Private Lives*, by Noel Coward, in Denver

Anti-Mobutu riots erupt in Kinshasa

From REUTER AND ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KINSHASA

VIOLENT protests against President Mobutu of Zaire erupted yesterday as loyal troops battled crowds of demonstrators. Cars and buses were burnt and several casualties were confirmed in Kinshasa, the capital, but no deaths were reported.

The violence was provoked by Marshal Mobutu's refusal on Wednesday to reappoint Etienne Tshisekedi, the opposition leader and his long-standing rival, as prime minister. Instead he called on Bernardia Mungul Diaka, aged 57, to form a government. "We want Tshisekedi and nobody else," a young man shouted.

Seconds later hundreds of demonstrators sprinted for cover as a jeep-load of the president's Special Presidential Division drew up and began firing automatic rifles into the air. An ambulance sped by with a wounded man clinging to its bonnet.

Witnesses said several demonstrators were wounded by bullets. A central Kinshasa clinic said one victim was having emergency surgery. Diplomatic sources said a Frenchman lost an eye after he was hit by a stone thrown at his car in the Limete area.

As Mr Mungul said he would start forming a government yesterday, there were clashes throughout poor areas of the city. In Matonge, opposition crowds sacked the damaged headquarters of Marshal Mobutu's Popular Revolutionary Movement. The building was a prime target of army-led looting last month which laid waste to Kinshasa and caused 15,000 foreigners to flee the city. Zaire newspapers said at least 117 people died in the mutiny and subsequent riots by soldiers and civilians in Kinshasa and several other important cities.

There was no immediate comment on yesterday's violence from Western governments which had been putting pressure on President Mobutu to accept Mr Tshisekedi. Belgium, France and the United States have said they will not support a prime minister who is not seen as credible by the opposition.

More than 800 Belgian troops remain in Zaire, and Brussels has said they will stay as long as they are needed to protect Zaireans as well as foreigners. Earlier this week an outbreak of looting by unpaid Zairean soldiers in Lubumbashi, Zaire's mining capital, led to a new evacuation of foreigners.

Japan revels in the birth of a princess

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

PRINCESS Kiko, aged 25, the wife of Prince Akishino, the Japanese emperor's second son, gave birth on Wednesday night to a healthy 7lb girl, presenting Emperor Akihito with his first grandchild.

Delighted mothers and grandmothers all over the country revelled in the excitement over their favourite fairy-tale princess, a commoner who married Prince Akishino 16 months ago. Members of the imperial family, however, maintained a dignified sobriety in keeping with their protocol-ridden existence. All live sheltered lives of Victorian respectability hidden from the public gaze by the imperial household agency.



Princess Kiko: style is mimicked by millions

Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, said he was pleased. The doctor in charge pronounced himself satisfied with the birth, and Princess Kiko herself said, with due Japanese humility, that all credit should go to everyone else. Her father composed a classical Chinese poem, and the emperor presented the baby with a traditional Japanese sword for self-protection.

Only the 25-year-old father permitted himself a broad if brief smile, claiming with startling candour that the baby "is very pretty, just like me". This polite exchange with the press was abruptly terminated as his minders hustled him into a car. But there were none of the pavement skirmishes that accompany the birth of a British royal: Japan's imperial press posse is a disciplined brigade of senior reporters, vetted by the omnipotent imperial agency.

There may have been one or two red faces among the imperial medical corps, which had predicted that the baby would not appear until October 30. They may yet be rehearsing low bows and composing humble statements of regret over their folly in misreading the imperial infant's signals.

Princess Kiko's every grin, giggle and girlish hairstyle has been mimicked by millions of adoring fans. She met her Prince Charming in a bookshop on the Gakushuin college campus, where he was studying politics and her father is professor of economics.

The prince proposed in 1986 when their car was held up at traffic lights, and Japan's Cinderella was welcomed into the imperial family with awesome *politesse*. The princess has since passed her time dabbling on the zither while the prince has pursued his great passion — research into the habits of catfish, a topic he studied with dedication at St John's College, Oxford.

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GALLERIES: LONDON

Delicate strokes and intimate lines

From ruddy Guercino chalks to Michelangelo sketches: **Richard Cork** delights in a masterful collection of drawings at the Courtauld Gallery

A winter morning in Colchester, and the sun has just ousted the dawn mist which once obscured the castle. Incandescent light pours down Middle Hill towards the pool below, where a horse pauses to drink. In Turner's watercolour, the sun's advent becomes a revelatory moment. A youth astride a horse flings his arms high in the air, probably at the sight of the hare racing away from a dog in the foreground. But his gesture also sums up the sense of exhilaration we feel, as the entire scene is transformed into a place of hazy enchantment.

Hanging at the far end of the Courtauld Galleries' Master Drawings exhibition, this ecstatic watercolour offers an appropriate climax to a show filled with similar wonders. Until now, the Courtauld's celebrated paintings have hogged all the attention, disguising the fact that an exceptional array of drawings is also housed in the same collection. But with the opening of this superb survey, which includes images never previously displayed in public, the misapprehension has been rectified at last.

Unlike the Post-Impressionists across the courtyard, still struggling to look their best in an anomalous 18th century interior, the drawings all seem smugly at home. Mounted on sloping panels placed as near to the glass as possible, and lit more generously than museums often permit, they establish an intimate relationship with the viewer at once. We can become almost as closely involved with these fragile sheets of paper as their former owners must have been.

Drawing used to be a far more private activity than painting, and most of these images were never exhibited during their makers' lifetimes. Instead, they were kept in drawers and portfolios for reference, ready to be passed eagerly from hand to hand by pupils and connoisseurs hungry for the insights which draughtsmanship alone can provide.

Collectors as discriminating as Count Antoine Seilern and Sir Robert Witt, whose bequests form the backbone of the present show, helped to ensure the drawings' survival. But so much has been lost, and Hugo van der Goes's exquisite study of a female saint is one of only two drawings now firmly attributed to him.

Brushed in with grey-brown wash, and then heightened with delicate strokes of white, she emerges from the green prepared paper like a blanched apparition from the sea. The circlet in her hair denotes virginity, and she appears very retiring. Her composure, though, is absolute: nobody could be more poised than this serenely seated figure. Her stillness contrasts with the turbulence of Van der Goes himself, whose later years were plagued by mental instability.

Almost as rare are undisputed drawings by Bellini, and the Courtauld's ink study of naïvety is delightful. Rather than producing a grandiose pageant, attended by intrusive crowds of worshippers, Bellini opts for simplicity. The baby is propped up with astonishing informality, on a cushion leant against his mother's bare feet. And the only visitors are the ox and the ass, kneeling so close to the child that their breath warms his naked body.

Drawing is admirably suited to the exploration of such intimacies. Carpaccio, who once worked under Bellini's direction in the Doge's Palace, shows just as much originality in his little sketch of the virgin reading to the infant Christ. Seated casually on a parapet, she holds out her book towards the boy perched on the same narrow ledge. The dotted lines along his outstretched leg add to the sense of spontaneity.

> *'However swift and spontaneous such images may appear, they often compress layers of meaning as complex and subtle as a painting'*

Even Carpaccio, however, cannot vie with the vivacity in Leonardo's tiny studies of Mary Magdalene. His line lassos her just as she lifts the top off an alabaster box of ointment. With an unprecedented grasp of contradictory movement, Leonardo defines the action of Mary's brandished arm even as her head swings away in the opposite direction. The drawing's subtle dynamism utterly transcends its true dimensions.

No matter how minuscule their paper, the masters of the High Renaissance were able to outline the most monumental forms imaginable. The sheet where Michelangelo drew his virgin and child is little more than a scrap, but he builds up an image as substantial as the stone block at its base. Since the sombre virgin rests her left foot on it and gazes down, Michelangelo may have envisaged the statue occupying a lofty position. Her *gravitas* is, however, challenged by the boy who tugs playfully at her head-dress. As for Michelangelo's pen-strokes, they attack the bulk of her draperies as forcefully as a chisel uncovering form within the marble.

Their rough power could hardly be further removed from the polished use of black chalk in another, far larger and more elaborate Michelangelo drawing. Made for Tommaso de' Cavalieri, the young Roman nobleman with whom he was infatuated, *The Dream of Human Life* is a consummate display of refined draughtsmanship. Its high degree of detail may not appeal as directly to the modern viewer as the free pen sketch. But Michelangelo's prowess is still astounding, as he plays off the highly wrought body of the awakening youth against the less densely modelled figures of the Vices encircling him.

The youth is so convincingly realised in all his muscularity that he could easily be a statue, copied by Michelangelo from an antique source. Some of the finest drawings in the show are just such acts of homage. Rubens, obsessed by the Farnese Hercules, studies the head with such passionate engagement that the burly profile sheds its stoniness and stirs into life. Tintoretto goes further still. Placing three vigorous copies of Michelangelo's *Samson and the Philistines* on one page, he repeats the same view of the figure's flailing arm like three consecutive stills in a strip of film.

The outcome is startlingly cinematic, charging Michelangelo's sculpture with even more dynamism than it possessed already. But the exhibition is full of drawings which appear to be straightforward studies from the model and turn out, quite unpredictably, to be alive with intense personal significance.

Take Pontormo's *Seated Youth*, doubtless based on the mundane sight of a workshop assistant at rest. Commandingly placed on the sheet, so that half of it remains empty, the figure undergoes a disconcerting transformation. With one hand pressed anxiously against his mouth, he cowers against a large box. The fear implicit in his pose is confirmed by the eyes, wildly enlarged and staring beneath contorted brows.

The seated model here becomes an embodiment of the artist's chronic unease, whereas Guercino discovers limitless beneficence in his study of a child standing between its mother's knees. Caught off-balance, and tipping to the left, the child is steadied by a parental hand.

But the main source of comfort derives from Guercino's own virtuoso handling of red chalk. He makes the child's flesh glow with an extraordinary orange-tinged radiance, while the mother's flanking legs allow a deep and immensely reassuring cave of shadow to enfold the chubby body.

At first glance, Rembrandt's drawing of his wife Saskia with their first baby, Rumbartus, offers similar comfort. She peers out from a bed-curtain, her arms wrapped around the infant. All the same, Rembrandt's nervous handling of red chalk is far more darting and less substantial than Guercino's. Both mother and baby look vulnerable within the tangle of linen and blankets. While Saskia's love for the child is movingly conveyed, she also seems burdened with concern for the solemn burden in her embrace. The fear was prophetic, for Rumbartus died only a few months after the drawing was carried out.

However swift and spontaneous such images may appear, they often compress layers of meaning as complex and subtle as a painting. So although the Courtauld's Prints and Drawings Room is smaller by far than the grand galleries filled with paintings nearby, its contents deserve an equal amount of rapt attention.

● Master Drawings from the Courtauld Collection *continues at Somerset House, the Strand (071-873 2526) until January 19.*



Consummate display of refined draughtsmanship: Michelangelo's chalk drawing *The Dream of Human Life*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Swiss back on the musical map

Geneva's local orchestra is regaining the international reputation it enjoyed in the Fifties, **Hilary Finch** writes

Ron Golan, secretary-general of Geneva's Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, is a dapper, fast-thinking, fast-talking viola player. A one-time German émigré to Israel, lionised in his day by Hindemith and Martinu, he is now the orchestra's businessman supreme, as well as honorary uncle to every player in the band. Until he took over as orchestral manager in 1970, touring was virtually unheard of. When the OSR appears at the Barbican on Tuesday, it will be the orchestra's London debut, and the start of its first ever British tour.

"The Orchestre de la Suisse Romande under Ernest Ansermet" is a phrase which still echoes in British ears in the reassuring tones of Third Programme radio announcers of the 1950s. Ansermet *was* the orchestra: he was its only tradition.

Decca's recording engineers experimented with and refined the developing sound techniques of that decade primarily by using the superb natural acoustic of Geneva's Victoria Hall and the unique instrument of Ansermet's OSR. Conductors such as Toscanini, Furtwängler and Bruno Walter came to Geneva. Recordings of Debussy's *La Mer*, Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat* and Berlioz's *Les Nuits d' été* with Régine Crespin became historic documents. Premieres of Debussy, Ravel, Prokofiev and Stravinsky took place in the small town of Calvin, Rousseau and the wristwatch. Geneva was at last on the musical map.

Ansermet left the orchestra in 1968 and Armin Jordan, its present musical director, arrived in 1985. The intervening years saw a succession of conductors unable to prevent the orchestra losing its identity and returning to partial obscurity, but Jordan's strong direction and Ron Golan's indefatigable cultivation of contacts and sponsors for a new biennial touring programme have put the orchestra back into the international spotlight.

With a little help from Crédit Suisse and Swissair, among others, London, Birmingham and Cardiff audiences will hear an orchestra whose *identité sonore* is still, or rather once again, unmistakable.

Ansermet created the transparent clarity, the sweet, high relief of brass and wind soloists. Jordan, conveniently born to French and German parentage in Lucerne, now plays the instrument with sensuous enjoyment — but also with a shrewd ear to the activities of his European neighbours and the demands of a highly competitive international recording catalogue.

Fascinated, for example, by the observation that British orchestras can play almost anything idiomatically, yet without an individual identity instantly recognisable by the innocent ear. Jordan is experimenting with ways of expanding the orchestra's repertoire without blunting its profile.

At the Barbican, and in Birmingham and Cardiff, for instance, the orchestra will play works by Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven and Mahler — not composers with whom audiences would necessarily have associated the OSR in the past.

"I want to adapt our repertoire to our style, rather than changing our style to suit the repertoire," says Jordan. The results so far have included an award-winning recording of Schumann's *Das Paradies und die Peri* and a recent, fascinatingly idiosyncratic version of Mahler's Fourth Symphony.



Providing strong direction: conductor Armin Jordan

The final concert of the tour, at the Festival Hall on November 1, presents a more typical programme — with works by Frank Martin, Debussy, Prokofiev and Roussel — to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation. With writers such as Friedrich Dürrenmatt and Max Frisch, and musicians such as Aurèle Nicolet and Heinz Holliger making loud protests against the year's celebrations, where does Jordan stand?

"These protests are *de la vanité, de la puberté*. If you're against it all, you have to prove it every day, not just in this one situation. These people just want their names in the papers. Who are we working and playing for anyway? And are the Swiss any worse than the British? *Tous les pays sont des cons, après tout . . .*"

● The Orchestre de la Suisse Romande *appears at the Barbican on Tuesday; Birmingham Symphony Hall on Wednesday; St David's Hall, Cardiff, on Thursday and the Royal Festival Hall, London on November 1.*

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About ninety kilometres outside Prague lies the town of Pilsen. Here, in 1842, a group of Bohemian brewmasters invented the world's first lager. The refreshing, golden brew was proudly named Pilsen. But before long trouble was brewing. Rival brewers elsewhere proclaimed that they, too, had a beer in the "Pilsner-style". These devious burghers even called their beers Pilsner, Pils or Pilsener. In 1808, things came to a head. The Czechoslovakian brewers went to the Imperial High Court of Germany to prevent the plague of plagiarism. The court agreed how absurd and illogical it was for a beer to be called Pilsen if it wasn't actually from Pilsen. But alas, it was too late for justice to be done. A definite case of locking the stable door after the horse had bolted. Consequently, in 1010, Pilsen was renamed Pilsner Urquell. This translates to "original source of Pilsen". The correct pronunciation is "er-kwell". Nowadays of course, there is still a plethora of beers called Pils. But quite frankly, we are unperturbed. For when it comes to producing the best, we still hold the key.

Pilsner Urquell

EXPERIMENTAL ART

Within this model art world, nothing stands still

Jim Hiley reports on a high-tech laboratory for culture in France, and the British artists who helped launch it last week

The shape of art to come is soon to be unveiled at a disused fun palace, three hours from Dover by ferry and road. When it opens officially in November 1993, L'Ecole d'Art du Fresnoy will hardly fit the profile of a traditional academy, despite its title. It is intended as a cultural hothouse for a new, outward-looking Europe, with a programme as ambitious as its setting is bizarre.

A total of 130 million francs (£13.13 million) is being spent by the state government, together with local and regional authorities, to create a high-tech laboratory for the international avant-garde in northern France. Exhibitions, master classes and performances will be staged throughout the year.

"We see it as a *poisson pilote*," says Georges Touzenis, of the Ministry of Culture, "to lead our partners in Europe and elsewhere towards co-operation on experiments in art." What makes the venture unique is its aim of dismantling barriers both between art forms and between artists from all over the world.

Until the 1960s, the complex known as Le Fresnoy provided the citizens of Tourcoing, near Lille, with a dance hall, cinema, boxing arena, skating rink and swimming bath, not to mention several bars and a riding school. Today, it resembles a collection of art deco aircraft hangers, whose disintegrating paintwork and leaking roofs fail to disguise its almost foolhardy grandeur.

The next two years will see the restoration of the performance spaces, and the building of rehearsal rooms and studios for music, drama, painting, sculpture, photography, video and film. Editing suites, laser equipment and holography workshops will stand alongside.

"We expect to take students qualified in every type of visual and performing art," explains Alain Fleischer, Le Fresnoy's director. "They will not read theory, but will mount work for public display on a professional scale and with professional resources. The faculty will consist of celebrated artists, visiting us to oversee the students and to put their own latest wares on show." Although financial support for Le Fresnoy comes entirely from France, it is possible that, at any given time, none of the students or their mentors will be French.

Fleischer believes that his scheme's geographical location makes it especially suitable for — and neatly symbolises — its aesthetic mission. The opening of the channel tunnel and new rail links in northern France will expedite the coming-together of nations on a practical level; simultaneously, Le Fresnoy will serve as a melting pot for fresh alliances in art.

"Each of our projects will combine at least two artistic disciplines," says Fleischer. "We shall expect our painters to collaborate with dancers for example. And sculptors to work in computer graphics."

To provide a taste of what the future holds, he launched his scheme last weekend with a series of exhibitions and performances called "Les Arts Etonnants". Prominent among the participants were three British artists: Stephen Taylor Woodrow, Heather Ackroyd and Daniel Harvey.

All three trained as sculptors but now occupy the meeting ground of visual art and drama — somewhere between "performance theatre" and "live art" — and build large-scale installations, often enhanced by the presence of actors. Fleischer says Britain is especially well endowed with prototypes of the new model artist he hopes will throng Le Fresnoy from 1993.

"I see this work as a speciality of your country," he says. "I couldn't yet bring anything similar from Germany, Italy, or Spain. The British have been a revelation for audiences at Le Fresnoy."



HUGO GLENDINNING

Sculptures with a life of their own: two of Taylor Woodrow's three *Living Paintings*

In the former skating rink at Le Fresnoy, Taylor Woodrow erected a mock Greek temple with the interior of a supermarket, including security mirrors and shelves of goods for sale. This vast installation, called *Good Buy Cruel World*, took a satirical dig at the deification of commerce. Everything on the inside was coloured in pastel green — even the check-out girl.

Next door, Taylor Woodrow's *Going Bye Byes* consisted of two rows of hospital beds, some dilapidated, some neat and tidy. At first, they appeared empty. On closer inspection, the blanched faces of real people could be seen poking through the pillows. Hushed spectators studied the get-well cards, or pressed food and drink into the mouths of the "patients".

In the dance hall, Taylor Woodrow staged *The Living Paintings*: three mute performers were hoisted within frames above the passers-by, whom they engaged in improvised scenes. I saw the figures take cigarettes and cameras from members of the public. Once, apparently, a woman stripped naked before the triptych.

For their installation, *Implanted Spirit*, Heather Ackroyd and Daniel Harvey took over the caretaker's apartment, "accelerating" the decay which has afflicted Le Fresnoy since the 1960s. Grass covered the walls and a sculpted figure by an ancient gramophone. Toadstools sprouted beside the bath, and extra holes had been drilled in the ceiling, turning a bedroom into an indoor pond. The effect was haunting, as if the caretaker's ghost were lurking in the shadows.



An author in search of humility

After the Booker, what next? Ben Okri talks to Kate Muir about mood writing, deep listening and the need for uncertainty

MARTIN BEDDALL



Okri outside the Tate Gallery: "When other writers talk about their methods, I want to run away. I don't want to know . . . It's like someone telling you how to make love."

For a man obsessed in his books with metamorphoses, Ben Okri is in great fear of changing himself. Ever since he came to England from Nigeria, aged 19, he has danced an uneasy path between assimilating and observing this second culture, avoiding being crushed and remoulded to fit his new home. If he slots nicely into the space provided by the establishment, he fears he will become a cardboard, two-dimensional writer.

Keeping that slight distance and unease will be harder now he is branded with the *mark of British literary acceptability*. At this very moment, in bookshops around the country, Mr Okri is being made into enticing window displays, and each book is being rewarded in the corner with a bright sticker "Booker Prize Winner, 1991". Sales are even now quadrupling.

> *'When I am certain about what I am doing, I write rubbish'*

Mr Okri's euphoria, coupled with physical suffering due to recent excesses of champagne, cigarettes and conversation, has temporarily precluded him from taking up his Biro and his black Ryman's notebooks. "The problem with winning something like this," he says hoarsely, "is that it takes away your uncertainty. When I am certain about what I am doing, I tend to write rubbish." Sensibly, he is taking a break until his humility returns, and in the meantime doing the penance which accompanies such an award, the endless interviews, photo-sessions and drinks in the Groucho Club.

Fortunately for his humility, the Ben Okri who wrote *The Famished Road* is dead. "It seems to be very harsh, but you have to die with each work or otherwise you end up endlessly recycling the *same narrow spaces in your consciousness.*" He fears the *same-plot-new-clothes* syndrome which plagues many other writers.

Already it should be clear that Mr Okri takes his writing seriously; himself less so. For instance, he can keep a straight face when he says he divides readers into two sorts, Homerians and Virgilians, and admits: "I have never disguised my love of Homer", and adds that he loves Flaubert, "of course." If another author were to talk the way he does about his craft, he would be slammed for his pretentiousness. But in his wise-innocent way, Mr Okri gets away with it. Mostly.

"When I get to the table to work, half the time I don't know what will turn up. But if you are truthful in an idea, everything is incarnate. You can take almost any single aspect, any sentence of the book, and it will have the whole thing contained in it." He believes in "deep listening", waiting until he hears something clearly in his head, and then putting it down. This is coupled with "mood writing", more rhythmic and musical than logical.

He needed to get away from Nigeria to see it clearly. He believes if you stay in a place long enough, you become part of that environment.

Poking further into whether he rewrites or streams consciousness meets with a refusal, as though one has asked to look in his underwear drawer. "When other writers talk about their methods, I want to run away. I don't want to know their methods. It's like someone telling you how to make love."

He moves the conversation on swiftly from the physical to the spiritual, although his books slide happily between the two. He believes people are composed of more than three dimensions and the problem with modern England is that it prefers to keep any fourth dimension, any spirituality, hushed up, or safely pocketed in churches. Mr Okri's books are filled with ghosts, animism and magic. His protagonist in *The Famished Road* is a spirit child, who straddles the two worlds, in order to make sense of one. Life in Nigeria is so chaotic that it can only be understood by going beyond the reality.

"We have not explained everything yet, although people here behave as if we have. The world is full of mysteries. One can still tremble in the face of all-knowing, inscrutable forces, but at the same time realise that that might mean we have forces within us, and we can acknowledge that power." This is easier to say coming from another culture. For a British author, admitting spirituality is well, a little *embarrassing*.

Back in Nigeria, Mr Okri thinks it is perhaps easier for people to be religious in the wider sense, because they are closer to suffering. In the first world, it is possible for a large number of people to cut themselves off from that. "Those living with suffering are in the prerequisite position for the religious state. Their egos are stripped bare, and they become aware of their own mortality. But anyone who is in that state must wonder: how can this just be it?"

Mr Okri has been down there too, less so in Nigeria, where he was the child of middle-class parents, his father a lawyer. But when he arrived in London, after a stint of comparative literature at Essex University, he tasted the life of the starving-artist, becoming homeless at one point, and sleeping in tube stations. Although he now has a flat in Maida Vale, north London, the Booker £20,000 means more to him than the other big names on the list.

He wrote two short stories in a burst of anger when he came to this country. "Why was I angry? It's so obvious. I don't need to tell you – the racism, the homelessness, the problems of getting accommodation . . ." Now, at 32, looking sleek in a blue blazer and paisley scarf, he is pleased he recorded what he felt at the time. He has lost those rough edges, and finds he becomes more subtle as he understands more. After all, he has, this week, gone from being perceived as a slightly-known, black Nigerian writer, to a big name in English literature, who happens to come from Nigeria. "I am aware of all the ironies, of what people have said. Not a single nuance of tone has escaped me."

The baggage of cultural assumption can be seen in many of the reviews of his two novels and short story collections. He says the biggest mistake is that most critics do not simply open the book and read it. He puts on a flat, stuffy voice. "They say: 'Ooh dear, I'm reading an *African* novel. Ooh dear, it's bound to be a bit strange. Ooh dear, there are bound to be rituals and things."

His books, he says, become three books – the one he wrote; the one that comes out of the collision between the reader and the book; and "the worst one, when they put a set of their own assumptions on top of what they're reading, and then attribute it all to me."

He loathes being categorised at all and particularly as a magic realist. His latest book is told in the first person and from the realist point of view of Azaro, your ordinary, average spirit-child. "For Azaro, seeing a room of spirits, or two-headed people is normal. He would find this space here," he says gesturing round his publisher's genteel office, "full of other beings", presumably the ghosts of starved authors waving rejection slips.

Mr Okri is beyond all that now, although he denies any intentions of becoming part of the literati. In fact he is secretly rather disappointed in all that. He chose to come to Britain rather than America, because of Dickens and Shakespeare. Surely a land which produced such greatness would have people to match? "I expected it to be a land filled with giants. It wasn't."

Will truth be the victim of marital rape?

Stripped of all the euphemisms, a man raping his wife is now officially breaking the law – if she can prove it

Now that marital rape has been ruled illegal, will dissent about consent become the new weapon in divorce? John Cornwell, a family lawyer with a wide experience of divorce cases, is worried that some wives might use the new ruling as a bargaining counter in a divorce settlement, along the lines of, "Unless you agree to what I want, I'll go to the police and say you raped me." But he says he would be surprised if this change in the law has any effect on his divorce practice for many years to come.

Stephen Cretney, a professor of law at the University of Bristol and the author of a number of books on family law, also doubts whether accusations of marital rape will surface in divorce cases. "When there were a lot of contested divorces a common complaint was excessive sexual demands. In effect, that was the same thing.

"But now, astonishingly few contested divorce cases reach court; only six were fought to a conclusion in this country last year. So I don't think the questions of marital rape will be relevant.

"The only way it might be was if it was used to establish that a husband had behaved in such a way that it was no longer reasonable for a wife to put up with him. But a man likely to rape his wife is almost certain to have done other beastly things. No court will want to know whether he also insisted on intercourse with her against her will."

But if, as was widely predicted yesterday, there is a flurry of prosecutions following the Law Lords' ruling that men can be found guilty of raping their wives, Professor Cretney forsees problems in making the charges stick. "The essence of rape is not, as people tend to think, violence, but lack of consent," he says. "Being able to prove lack of consent in such cases is going to be quite difficult.

"There may be some obvious cases where there is drunkenness, violence, a neighbour hearing things, but in most, almost by definition, there won't be a friendly third party who will have heard the man say, 'I don't care what you bloody well say'. . . The only evidence may be evidence of violent treatment and the wife's word – and it will be difficult for jurors to decide whether the woman did consent or not."

In Scotland, where rape in marriage has been a crime since 1989, a spokesman for the Law Society argued that the difficulty of proving lack of consent was no different from those in many cases of rape. But in the past two years, the Crown Office can only recall "a handful" of complaints being brought, and no cases involving couples living together have come to trial.

In England, Sally Sadler, a spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service, welcomed the clarification, but pointed out that until the police put such cases to the service, it would not know what problems could arise. "The only thing that has changed is that we can now look at cases where there has been no separation order," she says. "The criteria for deciding whether we can prosecute won't change."

Guidelines laid down in the code for Crown prosecutors state that there has to be sufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction. "A prosecution should not be started or continued unless the Crown prosecutor is satisfied that there is admissable, substantial and reliable evidence that a criminal offence known to the law has been committed by an identifiable person," Ms Sadler adds.

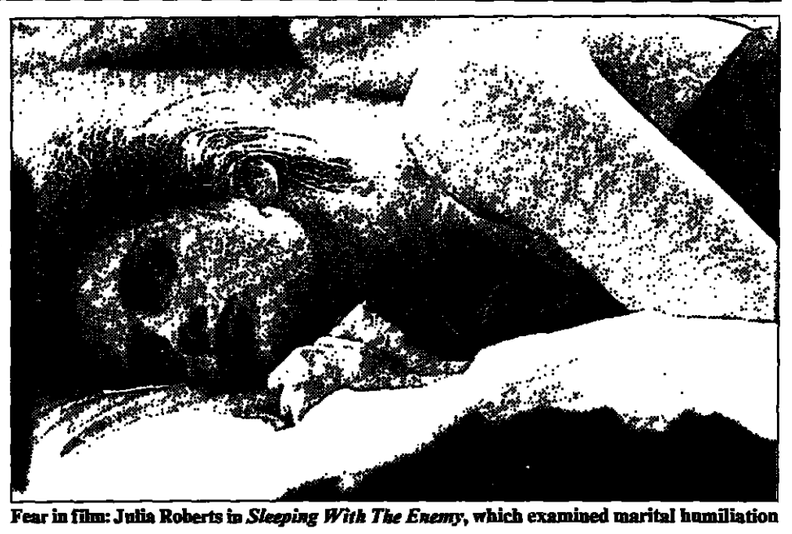
Yet, Professor Cretney suggests, it is these very guidelines which may prevent cases coming to court. To begin with, he anticipates difficulties in getting wives to give evidence. He draws parallels with the problems facing those prosecuting in cases of domestic violence.

"The law that stated a wife couldn't be made to give evidence against her husband was revised in 1984 but making someone a compellable witness is a waste of time," Professor Cretney says.

Even where a wife is willing to give evidence the professor believes the Crown Prosecution Service may face an embarrassing situation. "In many criminal cases there is a choice of offences you can charge someone with," he says. "It's going to be very embarrassing to have to decide whether to pursue a charge of rape, particularly in circumstances where you are more likely to get a plea of guilty to a lesser charge such as causing actual bodily harm or aggravated assault."

In fact, Professor Cretney says, old fashioned prosecution lawyers used to argue that we were better off without marital rape "because, if there was violence, you could always get the man on something. Calling it rape wouldn't make any difference."

LEE RODWELL



Fear in film: Julia Roberts in *Sleeping With The Enemy*, which examined marital humiliation

Katharine Wells



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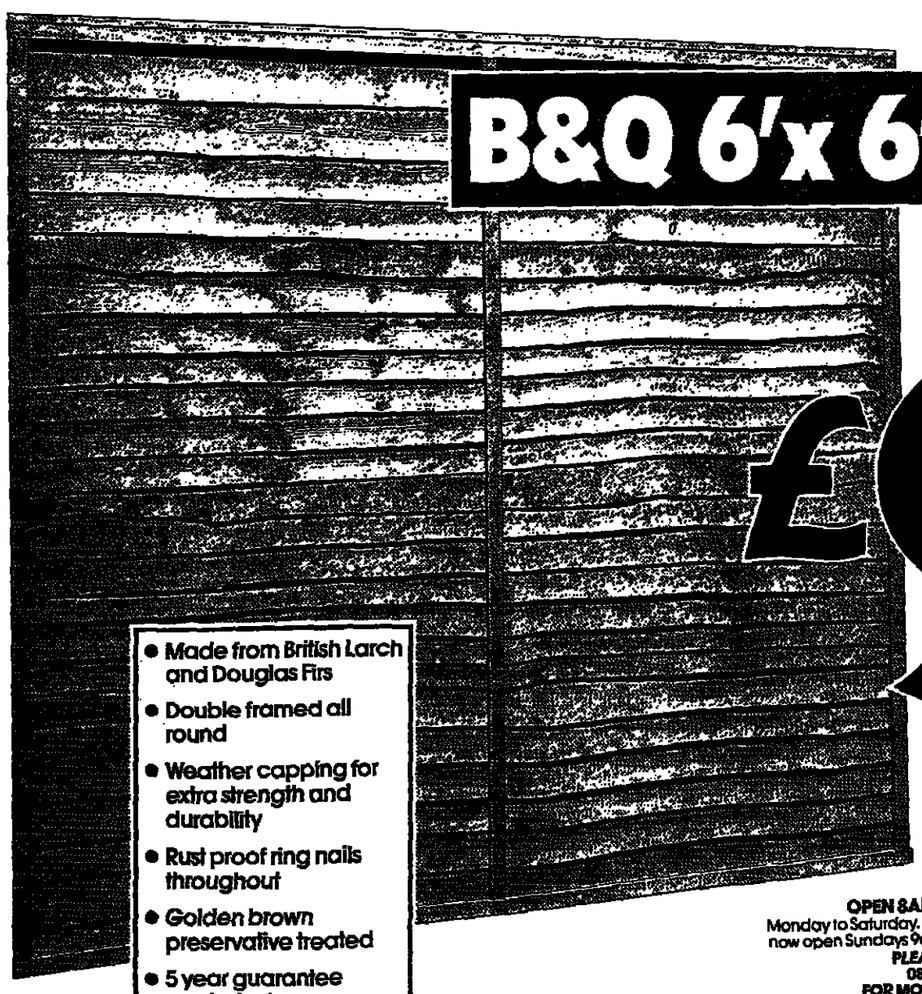
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Equality eroded

Charles Bremner on America's backlash against feminism

The Clarence Thomas hearings are said to have delivered more of a jolt to the American male than any since the women's movement battles in the early 1970s. But many women are less sure. If Anita Hill's account of sexual harassment was so typical and plausible, why did a majority of women, according to polls, believe that she was either lying or fantasising? An answer can be found in *Backlash: The Undeclared War against American Women* by Susan Faludi, which has been winning high praise from critics as a tour de force. The author, a 32-year-old journalist who has won the Pulitzer Prize for her investigative work, sets out to prove that American society has spent more than a decade deliberately undermining the gains women made in the 1970s.

Feeling threatened, men have used television, movies, advertising and the fashion industry to perpetuate false images of womanhood. The aim is to force women out of the office back into the bedroom and kitchen, she says.

She takes as her starting point the popular view that feminism was "the great experiment that failed", that by seeking to have it all, women found only misery. Professional women are said to suffer burn-out and breakdown and find themselves marooned in frustrated spinsterhood, while equality under marital law condemns divorced mothers to lives of isolation and poverty. All this, argues Ms Faludi, is nonsense. The great man shortage declared in the mid 1980s was a myth that sprang from an erroneous academic study, as did the so-called "infertility epidemic". Statistics, she says, show no sign of women deserting their jobs to return to motherhood as reported by the trend watchers.

Psychologists, talk show celebrities and plastic surgeons have fed off the backlash, she says, promoting anecdote and fantasy while ignoring studies which show that single women are far more emotionally stable than single men. She does not think the backlash is a conspiracy, but, taken as a whole, "these codes and cajolings, these whispers and threats and myths, move overwhelmingly in one direction: they try to push women back into their 'acceptable' roles".

Ms Faludi argues that the current fear and loathing of feminism follows a pattern repeated through American history since the late 1840s and the first American women's rights convention. It re-emerged at the time of the Edwardian suffragettes and again after the second world war, when the independence won by women while their men were abroad was suffocated by the traditionalism of the 1950s. The putdowns from Ronald Reagan and 1980s neo-conservatives were almost word-for-word the same as those voiced by their Victorian predecessors whenever women got uppity.

The unemployment and falling incomes suffered by the lower American classes in the 1980s heightened men's resentment. As a result, they have reasserted their dominance in the upper echelons of business, government and the judiciary. The gap between male and female pay is widening again, and Ms Faludi argues that the powerful anti-abortion movement, which has almost succeeded in reversing the US law, is men's way of putting the brakes on women's "bedroom liberation".

Ms Faludi ends her passionate, 460-page diatribe with a note of hope. No matter how much frightening misinformation is being fed to them through the media and popular culture, "women continue to postpone their wedding dates, limit their family size and combine work with having children".

Can Yeltsin keep control?

Mary Dejevsky reports from Moscow on a wave of chaos threatening to wash away all respect for authority

A newspaper cartoon shows a lone demonstrator waving a banner that reads "I don't understand anything". An influential newspaper editor, Vitali Tretyakov, writes in the same vein: "What is happening in our country seems hard to encapsulate in a single integrated idea or concept." From the epic Russian question "what is to be done?", the dial has spun backwards to the still more basic "what is going on?"

From academic institutes to the media or the streets, opinions span a narrow spectrum from the resigned to the apocalyptic. Words like "disaster", "catastrophe" and "despair" pepper news bulletins and conversations. There are forecasts of millions out of work, yet more millions falling below subsistence level, of widespread cold and hunger, of hyperinflation to rival that of Germany in the 1930s, and of growing civil unrest.

Outside the territory of what used to be the Soviet Union, people may be forgiven for thinking that they have heard all this before, exactly a year ago, when President Gorbachev and his envoys were rushing around the world soliciting credits and food aid for a famine that never happened and was never likely to happen. There is no evidence that famine is any more likely this winter. But there is a world of difference between October 1990 and October 1991. Last year, there were individuals and institutions trying to govern the country. This year, for all practical purposes, no one is in charge.

On the threshold of last winter there was an authoritative national leader, Mikhail Gorbachev; there was a national parliament capable of passing legislation, however ineffective it might subsequently prove; there was a national government headed — weakly perhaps, but headed none the less — by Nikolai Ryzhkov, and there was a large central bureaucracy with years of experience in pulling the strings of the central economy. There was also the semblance of a single army and the KGB.

But this year, the national leader, gravely wounded by the treachery of the institutions on which he relied, has almost left the fray, emerging only periodically to talk to foreign businessmen, discuss arms control or chair meetings.



Yeltsin: may soon be an autocrat

The new national parliament, with only seven of the 12 republics in its ranks, has alternately squabbled and adjourned. The central government was replaced after the coup by an "interim committee on the economy" whose purpose, it seems, is merely to plug the most glaring economic gaps.

An economic agreement between the republics, supposed to hold the union together, was signed last week by only eight republics. Everyone but Gennadi Yavlinsky, the economic guru who drafted it, and Mr Gorbachev, who commissioned it, openly dismiss it as unrealistic. The appearance of unity in the armed forces and the KGB was shattered by the coup, and while the entrails of these institutions still inspire fear, they are no longer able to unite a disintegrating country.

However, the present desperate confusion derives less from the inevitable collapse of central control than from the inability of the republics — most glaringly the dominant Russian Federation — to govern themselves. Smaller republics, including those in Central Asia are by and large administratively better placed to pass into the new era. The big failure has been Russia.

Russia's post-coup optimism was soon exhausted. National pride and the distant memory of an imperial past are not strong enough to revive a nation that is in every respect impoverished. Even Boris Yeltsin, the strong leader with loyal cohorts and much of the national army on his side, has floundered in the administrative morass. Opposition from a parliament elected before the coup blocked his attempts to enact rapid change by democratic means.

In the coming days, Yeltsin is expected to announce that he intends to end the months of aimlessness and enact "emergency measures" to bring the market economy storming in. Advance reports say he will free prices to market levels, disband unprofitable collective farms and sell off the land, and declare bankrupt enterprises bankrupt and sell them to foreigners (if any will have them). This will not be a victory. Yeltsin will have to override his parliament. He will be condemned by his own democratic supporters and by foreigners for succumbing to the "authoritarian tendencies" they always suspected he harboured. Conservatives will cry further laments for social justice. Yeltsin may be toppled. Only popular support will save him — the sort of popular support that Gorbachev could never muster.

Even if Yeltsin keeps his job and starts to force a kind of market into being, the prospects are not good. The administrative confusion is now so pervasive, and disregard for authority and legality is so ingrained, that attempts to reimpose order, even order proceeding from sound economic sense, will face cynicism and outright resistance.

What actually happens when a vast and highly centralised state disintegrates? What is it like when an economy breaks down? In the next few weeks and months, Mikhail Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin and the others must hang on tight, because they — and we — may be about to find out.

A punch-up that hurts health

The real difficulties facing the health service will not be cured by this bout of verbal fisticuffs, says **Peter Riddell**

A WEEK IN POLITICS



A bruising fight: the battle between William Waldegrave (left) and Robin Cook is peppered with insults and abuse

William Waldegrave is like a bruised boxer halfway through a fight. Forced onto the defensive early in the contest, he knows he cannot win, but reckons he might just be able to secure a draw on points against Robin Cook, a nimble and confident opponent. Mr Waldegrave comes out punching in every round. That cheers his supporters, who believe in his cause even if they are not sure he is a champion. Unfortunately, he has a habit of tripping up.

The language of boxing may seem strange for an issue like health, but politicians themselves talk in such combative terms. Words like smear, falsehood, retreat and capitulation peppered Monday's Commons debate.

Mr Waldegrave is an unlikely pugilist, but party strategists have decided that the only way to turn the debate is by counter-attacking constantly, making speeches, issuing challenges and giving interviews. If you are already fed up with the sight and sound of Mr Waldegrave and Mr Cook exchanging blows, Conservative Central Office is achieving its aim. What the Tories are trying to do is to get everyone bored with the issue now, so that attention can be switched to areas where the government is more strongly placed, such as law and order, defence, the trade unions and economic management.

Some robust debating performances by Mr Waldegrave raised Tory morale, or at least did until he slipped up this week over tax relief on private medical insurance for older people. He has learnt that it is not wise to second-guess the Treasury on tax changes. Many Tory MPs do not believe that Mr Waldegrave should be health secretary — one cabinet colleague said of his appointment 12 months ago: "We are still living with Margaret Thatcher's late managerial mistakes." But unlike the much derided John Moore three years ago, most Tories at least respect Mr Waldegrave for fighting his corner against what they regard as an unfair opposition attack. On the Labour side, Mr Cook's successful advocacy pushed him into second place in Wednesday's shadow cabinet elections.

I doubt, however, if the government's approach will work over the long term — that is, up to the next election. The public does not trust the Tories over the National Health Service, and never has. Even at the depths of Labour's fortunes in the 1983 election, the party enjoyed a clear lead over the Tories on health. And the gap is now much larger. Nearly half the electorate claims that the main obstacle to voting Conservative is the party's lack of commitment to improving the NHS.

It is no good ministers pointing to the 50 per cent rise in health spending in real terms since 1979. Voters suspect the Tories of hankering after greater private provision. In the 1987 election, Mrs Thatcher talked of using private health because she wanted to go to hospital on the day "I want, at the time I want and with the doctor I want". During the health review in 1988-9, her advisers discussed a greater role for the private sector. Even when the government concentrated on improving efficiency within a service funded by the taxpayer, private sector language was used: internal markets, competition, price mechanisms and customers. New hospital trusts have been widely, and mistakenly, seen as opting out of the NHS entirely.

The introduction of commercial terminology made the charge of privatisation more likely to stick. It is odd that this word has such unpopular connotations when the public eagerly buys shares — more than three million people have expressed interest in the BT sale — but perhaps voters distinguish between public utilities and services.

Labour's charge that the government is privatising the NHS is largely bogus in the conventional sense of the selling of a public entity. After some deft, though obvious, footwork, Mr Cook redefined the term to mean commercialisation and cutbacks in public provision which tend to persuade people to seek private sector treatment. He has plenty of examples of this, and half the electorate still believes the government wants to privatise the NHS.

Ministers' megaphone response of denying repeatedly any intention to alter the principle of free and equal access to health care may muddy the debate and cut Labour's lead on the issue, but the health row is not going to disappear. Labour leaders believe they only have to wait for Mr Waldegrave to make more mistakes and for more stories to appear about hospital cutbacks.

A depressing feature of these exchanges is the way they magnify differences, when in practice Tory and Labour policies are not very far apart. Both parties are addressing the same question: how to finance a service which is largely free at the point of use in the face of increasing demands from a growing number of very old people, the increasing costs of new technology, and rising public expectations. The debate is really about small variations in the rate of growth of the health budget and how to make best use of it. Labour has given an exaggerated impression of what any government might be able to achieve, although Mr Cook has hedged, with talk of tackling underfunding over the lifetime of a parliament. Labour talk of abolishing the market in health care also obscures the party's acceptance of structural changes to direct resources towards efficient providers.

The Conservatives are at least making an honest attempt. More money is being provided, but not enough. Ministers hope that the shift to internal markets, like the managerial reforms of the 1980s, will somehow square this circle. In practice, the government is having the worst of all wo since setting up hospital tr and allowing some general pe titioners to control budgets has produced dislocation and su picion rather than obvious ben fits for patients.

But as Mr Waldegrave argued, to little notice, on Monday, "throughout the world, governments of all political persuasions are seeking with greater urgency to match scarce resources with the increasing demand for health care. In Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and New Zealand, the ideas that we are carrying through into practice have been paralleled, or, in some cases, imitated, by other governments." As so often in Britain, the raucous sounds of the Westminster boxing ring have drowned out a needed debate on how to finance the welfare state.



...and moreover

Alan Coren

I experienced a remarkable concatenation yesterday. I had gone to the Italian Driving School in Clerkenwell Road to make an enquiry on a friend's behalf (sensitively refraining from making any on my own, despite burning to know about the teaching of Italian driving, eg how to steer with your chin so that you can simultaneously keep the hooter depressed and leave both hands free, one to shake its fist, the other to raise its central finger), and when I came out again, I found myself a bit peckish, so I bought a packet of Smith's potato crisps.

I strolled on, thinking of nothing in particular, when I chanced to notice a blue plaque, high up on a redbrick wall at the corner of Hatton Garden, attesting to the curious fact that Sir Hiram Maxim (1840-1916), inventor of the machine-gun, had lived there.

That is the kind of information which suddenly makes one think of something in particular. While I already knew a bit about the great man — including the tragedy wherein a malicious Fate cruelly snatched him away in June, robbing him by only a few short days of the chance to see his greatest masterpiece, the First Battle of the Somme — I had no idea that this was where he had hung his hat. How tolerant landladies must have been, then! Not to mention the people in the flat downstairs; but, then again, you might think twice, might you not, before banging on the ceiling and thereby getting on the wrong side of a man who had just been practising at 500 rounds a minute?

These and similar woolgatherings having brought me to the end of the packet of crisps, I looked for a wastebin; and that I could not immediately spot one was what brought on the remarkable concatenation. I put the empty bag back in my pocket, where it remained until I got into the bus on Farringdon Road and dug for change. The bag was now in my hand again, where, by sheer chance, a word leapt off it and into my eye, the way this word, as I may have mentioned before, will. On the top right-hand corner of the packet, this legend ran: "Frank Smith sold Britain's first crisps to the pubs of Cricklewood. The salt-cellars he provided vanished as fast as the crisps. The little blue twist of salt was his ingenious solution."

Well I never. I mean, literally. Twenty years in Cricklewood, and I had never caught whiff nor whisper of our greatest son: for how else was one to describe a man who had invented not only the crisp, but also the little bag of salt to be a help meet for it? This was major genius. It was as if the Earl of Sandwich had come up with the pickled onion. Research was urgently called for. And when, an hour later, I rang Smiths (or as it now is, *eheu fugaces* PepsiCo Foods International), one who still remembers the old days remembered them for me.

In 1920, Frank Smith was a young Cricklewood grocer, left to mind the shop while his employer holidayed in France. When the employer returned, he brought with him a wondrous tale of a little French restaurant where he had been served with thinly-sliced fried potatoes. He then got back to doing what employers do, leaving Frank to do what geniuses do. Geniuses have a bit of a think. After which, they remove their apron, politely hand in their notice, pop round to a bank manager whom they have circumspectly ensured never went short of a nice bit of gammon even in the darkest days of the recent hostilities, and buy the lease on a rundown Cricklewood garage which the instinct of genius tells them is just the place to begin manufacturing potato crisps.

How could it fail? It did not. The only commercial setback was that as Cricklewood's boozers fell upon Smith's delectable invention, they ungratefully nicked the saltpots he had loaned them. Smith, however, was up to that. Smith took fresh guard. The answer was in the bag.

I put the phone down, and dried my eyes, and drove to where the original garage used to be. It is now a B&Q superstore. I trekked its every wall, but there was nothing to show. What an odd world it is that reveres the machine-gun but not the crisp! Surely it is time to offer the honour of a small blue plaque? Preferably one with a twist in it.

Ministerial debriefing



MICHAEL HOWARD, the employment secretary, is the latest cabinet minister to become embroiled in the escalating row between the BBC and the government over allegations of left-wing bias. This week he spent an entire day on the run from a *Panorama* crew making a film about the inner cities, which will be shown early next month. Howard first succeeded in having the crew banned from a Tyneside training and enterprise council, to which he was making an official visit. Only hours before the visit, the BBC received a telephone call to the effect that the crew was not welcome. A few hours later, Howard astonished guests at a lunch hosted by North Tyneside Chamber of Commerce by walking out of the restaurant at the Park Hotel, Tynemouth, in protest at the presence of the same film-crew.

While bemused lunchers wondered what on earth had happened to their guest of honour, a furious row went on outside between Howard and Central Office of Information press officers. The embarrassed officials, who had agreed to *Panorama's* attendance, were deputed to tell the BBC reporters that the minister would not return unless they left.

The crew then re-appeared at a press conference in the hotel after the lunch. To the amazement of the assembled local press, Howard again objected to *Panorama's* presence, refusing to take any questions until the cameras had left. They were eventually allowed to stay but only on the condition that the *Panorama* reporter, Jane Corbin, would not ask questions.

Quite why Howard should go to such lengths to avoid the cameras remains unclear. His office said they required "more notice" and the requests had not been properly channeled. But *Panorama* is regarded with almost paranoia in some Tory circles after a series of programmes ministers believe to have been totally biased. Only last month Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, threw its cameras out of a press conference. "The minister did not want microphones up his nose," said a spokesman. Perhaps it is time he developed the taste. There is, after all, an election brewing.

● *The Soviet Union is turning to that queen of morality, Dame Barbara Cartland. The author, who this week sent newspapers her own pink-ribboned obituary, setting right "all the untrue and unpleasant things" written about her, is off to Moscow to sell her books. "Everyone wants me because I am moral," she says. "The only problem with the Soviet Union is that when you're offered millions in roubles you count them up and they come to £2.10."*

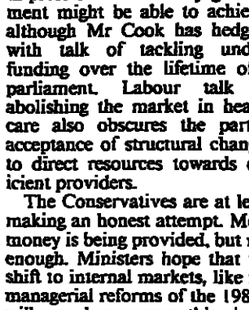
Inflammatory pages

CHANNEL FOUR'S new literary programme, *Burning Books*, which allows panelists to toss books they don't like into a fire, has outraged the reading classes.

"It should be stopped," says Melvyn Bragg. "It is thoughtless, tasteless and crass. Only violent tyrannies, such as the Nazis, resort to burning books. And just think about what is happening to Salman Rushdie."

The first victim in the series, which started this week, was a biography of the comedian Dave Allen. Martyn Goff, deputy chairman of the Book Trust, is appalled. "We will be protesting to *Channel Four*. It's a silly waste when you think that Book Aid is scouring the country for books to send to the Soviet Union."

Channel Four has no such qualms. Waldemar Januszczak, its arts commissioning editor, says that critics should come down



from their "élitist soap boxes". Says Januszczak: "There is too much sitting on the fence. People don't have the guts to say a book isn't worth the paper it's printed on. This is no more than a jukebox jury for books." Quite.

Gracing SAVE

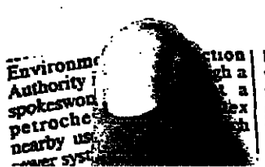
THE Prince of Wales has put his money behind his architectural enthusiasms by donating an undisclosed sum from his personal funds to the campaigning body, SAVE Britain's Heritage. The gift comes with a message of "long-standing admiration for SAVE's work".

The Prince's support is bound to enflame the architectural debate further, given SAVE's frequently controversial stance. "The very nature and urgency of our campaigning for endangered buildings often brings us into conflict with government bodies and commercial interests," says Marcus Binney, SAVE's president and architectural correspondent of *The Times*. "The Prince's support is an invaluable accolade which will help us enormously in championing a whole range of beautiful buildings."

Bit of a drag

Rudyard Kipling, who wrote: "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a Smoke," would surely approve. "Cigar tastings" have been launched at a series of dinners at Mosimann's club in Belgravia, at which the food is incidental to the rare Havanas puffed between courses. Simon Chase, from Hunters & Frankau, the shippers organising the tastings says: "We have three savoury courses, each designed to cleanse the palate for the cigar which follows. We worked out that three cigars is about the maximum one can meaningfully taste."

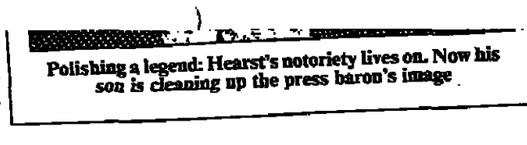
According to Chase, just as with fine wines from Bordeaux, there is a complicated gradation of cigars in Cuba. The finest examples, known as Cohiba robustos, are made from only the best leaves grown in a few specific fields, and were originally created by Fidel Castro as a tribute to Che Guevara. Sadly they are considered too rare for the tastings. A puff-and-pass-it-on system was considered, but rejected as unhygienic and best left to smokers of more nefarious substances.



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Polishing a legend: Hearst's notoriety lives on. Now his son is cleaning up the press baron's image

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GOOD NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Much worthy and predictable moaning has accompanied the news that Yitzhak Shamir will attend next week's Madrid conference in person, taking with him only the hardliners and extremists opposed to any territorial concession. The Palestinians are up in arms, the Israeli opposition disconcerted. It has been taken by David Levy, the foreign minister who was expecting to lead the Israeli delegation, as a personal snub, an indication that the prime minister was not serious about seeking peace.

Whatever Mr Shamir's motives, however hardline his position, such reactions are shortsighted. The history of all difficult negotiations — and none is more intractable than the one between Israel and its Arab neighbours — shows that no progress can be made until those who hold real, accountable power sit round the table. With tough decisions to be made, Mr Shamir's presence at the conference is more constructive than his presence fuming, scheming and backtracking back home.

Mr Shamir has respected no feelings in this demonstration of power-play, not even those of the American secretary of state, James Baker. In a calculated assertion of his independence of Washington, Mr Shamir announced his move hours after Mr Baker said that the delegations would be headed by foreign ministers. This tactlessness merits a private American rebuke. But the fact remains that his decision will help the negotiations by reducing the scope for ambiguity.

Mr Shamir's opponents naturally accuse him of sending a message to the world not to expect a breakthrough at Madrid. They call the presence of a Jewish settler from the occupied West Bank a provocation to the Palestinians, who have themselves been forbidden to include delegates from East Jerusalem, and to the Americans who strongly oppose continued settlements. Shimon Peres, the opposition leader, said he was saddened that the delegation would represent only a minority segment of Israeli opinion. The common interpretation in the Israeli press is that Mr Shamir is going to Madrid to stiffen Israel's terms for peace, and to stage an ostentatious walk-out if the Palestinians say they represent the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The answer to these objections cannot be repeated too often. The odds are already against this peace initiative getting anywhere. The talks have not yet begun. After 43 years, all sides are playing for high stakes. It is inevitable that Mr Shamir, who is leading his country from one extreme of the political spectrum, would attempt to bolster his exposed political position and reassure his allies on the right. The odds on success are marginally better with Mr Shamir in Madrid than with Mr Levy there.

The Arabs must meet this by more than their usual shadow-boxing. In Damascus a conference of foreign ministers has just repeated demands for an immediate halt to the settlements, a withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory, including Jerusalem, and fulfilment of the national rights of the Palestinians. These demands are in keeping with Security Council resolutions, but look very like preconditions. The Arabs know these terms are unacceptable to Israel.

The Americans are now trying to persuade other leaders, including President Mubarak, to attend. Better still would be the presence of President Assad. Deals are worth far more if made by the toughest opponents of concessions. Any agreement reached only by "men of good will", that stereotype so often invoked by the West and so alien to the Middle East, is open to sabotage by its opponents: particularly in Israel where opponents are free to oppose. If Mr Shamir can be persuaded to agree terms for Israel's future security, his government should be better placed to neutralise the inevitable opposition of settler factions.

By going to Madrid in person, Mr Shamir has cut off a line of retreat. He cannot easily torpedo the talks and return home in glory: the anger in Washington and uproar at home would leave him dangerously exposed. Had Mr Levy gone to Madrid while Mr Shamir stayed at home, any deal he brought back could have been disowned, as Mr Shamir undercut earlier agreements between Mr Levy and Mr Baker. By taking the responsibility into his own hands, Mr Shamir has issued a challenge to the Arabs to send their own leaders to Madrid. They should do so.

DELETING EXPLETIVES

Swearing is usually distasteful and often downright offensive. It is also commoner in public than it used to be. Television is the most prominent of the conduits which transmit bad language from the gutter to the hearth, whence it insinuates itself into the vocabularies of children and the public generally. Does this matter and if so what can be done about it?

A report published yesterday from the Broadcasting Standards Council, *A Matter of Manners?*, shows that it does matter, in the case of most people matters very much. A certain dulling of once automatic outrage may have taken place over the past generation. Yet familiarity with expletives has not dulled public contempt for them. Despite the frequency with which viewers are bombarded with bad language, public reaction continues to be stronger to this aspect of obscenity than to scenes of sex or violence which exercise broadcasters and critics alike.

The BSC report suggests that people are more tolerant of swearwords in genres such as documentaries than in others such as comedies. They are well aware that the same swearword might be innocuous if used in one sense but repulsive if used in another. They are conscious of the irritation, often fury, which blasphemy causes to members of religious groups. Few members of the sample want strong expletives banned from the screen; but most want broadcasters to be more sensitive to context and to the feelings and age of their audiences.

Blame for this lies not with the BSC. It is an advisory quango with the quaint and slightly absurd remit to say tut-tut every now and then. Nor does blame lie with those old Aunt Sallies, modern society or "left-wing producers". Responsibility lies with the BBC governors, the Independent Television Commission, and the bosses of independent television companies.

They are beneficiaries of what, in the case of the franchise-holders, amounts to an oligopoly over an important area of the media. Predominantly middle-aged themselves, they can be at odds with the prevailing culture within their organisations and nervous of seeming out of touch with younger and more radical producers. They may also fear charges of censorship that might alienate younger audiences, especially audiences for the alternative comedy and variety shows that can contain material offensive to older viewers.

The balance is for television chiefs to make, but to make with consideration for all groups of viewers. The chiefs occasionally require courage to resist censorship from outside, particularly from government. But they also need courage to impose self-censorship. Lord Rees-Mogg's report makes sensible suggestions. He is eager to make television's adversarial culture more aware that different age groups react differently to obscenities and blasphemies. He wants a wider use of warnings and labelling before possibly offensive programmes are broadcast, and a stricter use of the 9pm watershed. It is the sudden, unexpected character of obscenities that causes particular distress.

Broadcasters should not need Lord Rees-Mogg to make these suggestions. Nothing is more dangerous than to permit others to exercise the censor's role, relieving institutional leaders from doing it themselves. A gradual, permissive change of sensibility in matters of language there may be. But those who deliberately set out to shock should respond to public concern; not wait for others to impose restrictions on them.

TYRANNY OF EXAMS

A brief history of time, in one paragraph. Early man recorded the passing of the years by plotting the movements of the sun and the stars through the heavens. The medieval world swayed to the rhythms of the seasons and the festivals of the Church, while the era of industrialisation has shuddered along to the staccato of technology. Late 20th-century man has discovered a new coffee spoon with which to measure out his life: exams. From cradle to grave, tests and assessments are the benchmarks of modern times. No longer simply a means to an end, certificates and professional qualifications position human beings in the space-time continuum. You are what you pass.

Hence the uncertainty which currently surrounds the annual Eton-Harrow cricket match. The Marylebone Cricket Club, which runs Lord's, has been unable to set a date with the schools for the fixture, played at Lord's since 1805. The source of the confusion is the timetable for next year's public examinations, which has drastically restricted the number of days available for uninterrupted play. It seems that the match will now take place off the hallowed ground, probably at one of the schools. A ritual is about to slip off the social calendar.

The decline of a single social event will occasion few sleepless nights and much tedious nostalgia. Dr Eric Anderson, the Head Master of Eton, has apparently told Downing Street that something should be done about this threat to an aspect of the prime minister's favourite game. He will presumably be told that public schools should toe the administrative line with everybody else. Academic qualifications should count for more than tradition, even at Eton and Harrow. The schools should pull themselves together and into the 20th century.

The usefulness of exams cannot be denied. Testing is the essence of a structured education, and provides the information needed to monitor the performance of pupil and school. The prospect of written tests can galvanise the indolent and inspire the able.

But is there no case for the Eton and Harrow match? Exams are no longer merely a necessary evil, they are totems of a society obsessed with league tables, consumer information and a specious "objectivity". The spirit of the age is embodied in the new national testing programme: children pick up the exam neurosis at the age of seven. A profusion of published information ensures that their parents join the torment. More than ever will jumping through hoops be required to prove aptitude or excellence.

The cost of this relentless quality control is a loss of character, a dispiriting homogenisation of lifestyles. Already, a grey wave sweeps the land, washing away pleasurable oddities like this fixture. In its wake comes the first glimpse of citizen's charter Britain, a land fit for today's heroes, for examinees. What war was ever won on the playing fields of GCE?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Delay in joining 'civvy street'

From the General Manager of the Scottish Ambulance Service

Sir, Last week I went through over 170 applications for a senior post in this organisation. Over 25 per cent were from officers serving in the forces. I contacted several to see when they might be available to take up the post were they to be selected for it.

It became clear that, particularly in the army, the system whereby long-serving officers can obtain their premature release remains one designed almost entirely for the benefit of the service and not for the individual who, having given years of service to the Crown and now faced with large-scale reductions in the forces, is making an attempt to get a good civilian job in a competitive market.

At a time when one would expect that an application to leave the services would almost be welcomed by them, officers are being disadvantaged by uncertainty as to when they might be released. Redundancy plans seem to take little account of the fact that virtually no employer can afford to wait for more than three months for someone to fill an important vacancy.

Those responsible should realise that, for the time being at least, the needs of the serviceman and woman must come first. If necessary, gaps in the ranks must be accepted to allow those who want to leave a quicker opportunity of doing so.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW FREEMANTLE,
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Tipperlinn Road,
Edinburgh 10.
October 22.

EC intervention

From Mr A. C. Geddes

Sir, The government's reaction to the EC Environment Commissioner's demand that the UK comply with Community law with regard to disputed construction projects (reports, October 19, 22) is either disingenuous or indicative of a worrying ignorance of EC law which sadly is not confined to the environmental sector.

Signor Ripa di Meana's intervention has got nothing to do with an "unwarranted intrusion into Britain's national affairs" or "a breach of the principle of subsidiarity" as Mr Major seems to think.

It is the commissioner's duty under the EC treaty to ensure that Community law, and in particular the directive which requires that an environmental impact assessment is carried out before certain large-scale projects are authorised, is obeyed. One of the purposes behind that directive, to which all the member states agree, is to give the public affected a chance to have their views taken into account.

In the light of this apparent prevailing ignorance it may astonish the government to know that it has also agreed to another directive, which will be in force in December this year, which will enable any contractor in another member state who considers himself unfairly discriminated against in the grant of certain large government or local authority contracts to complain to his national court and to obtain an interim injunction, which the courts here must enforce, to prevent the project from continuing until the foreign court has considered the matter.

When that happens I suppose we can safely assume an outbreak of mass apoplexy among MPs.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. GEDDES
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Temple, EC4.
October 23.

Wider aspects of pensioners' plight

From Mr Denys Wilson

Sir, In your leader, "Pension priorities" (October 22), you say Mr Newton went some way to recognise the two classes of pensioners, but surely there is another — those who receive only partial earnings-related pensions or even none at all.

Conservative and Labour parties have over the years played political football with pensions, the result being that those relying on state pensions are more poorly paid than pensioners in many other "prosperous" countries.

The government has ensured, by relating increases to the rate of inflation instead of average wages, that such pensioners will not be part of any future prosperity.

Yours truly,
DENYS WILSON,
5 Alyth Road, Talbot Woods,
Bournemouth, Dorset.
October 22.

From the Secretary of State for Social Security

Sir, A brief comment on your thoughtful editorial, "Pension priorities", in which you referred to my proposals to help less well-off older pensioners as "small beer, but . . . a pointer in the right direction".

This is in fact the third year running in which real extra money has gone to less well-off pensioners. This latest increase will take the total to some £350 million over that period. Hardly, I think, "small beer".

Yours sincerely,
TONY NEWTON,
Department of Social Security,
Richmond House,
79 Whitehall, SW1.

From Mr E. Castleton

Sir, There is another class — one which you, like the government, ignore. I refer to the elderly people who, having been born too soon, are living on a smallish fixed occupational pension with no Serps (state earnings-related pension scheme) but only the standard state benefit.

They own a house, by now mortgage-free but still requiring maintenance, and their savings, generally invested in building societies, have not accrued sufficiently to cope with vastly increased maintenance costs.

These are the people who have so often attempted to cope by using investment-linked home income schemes and now so often face ruin. Their only error seems to have been to try to avoid falling into your second, poorer, class of pensioner and consequent state support.

There seems to be an inclination to brush under the carpet the problems of this forgotten (or ignored) class until the passage of years and death wipes them out.

Yours,
E. CASTLETON,
138 Main Road,
Long Hanborough,
Witney, Oxfordshire.
October 22.

From Dr John Doughty

Sir, There are many who, having saved diligently from low pay in unpensionable employment during their working lives, have managed to accrue a moderate amount of capital. If in private residential accommodation their savings are eroded and when the government raises the level of income support to other state-aided residents they see their charges raised by the proprietors. The level of income support determines the "going rate" for private paying residents in care homes that take both private and state-assisted residents.

Moreover, it is not clear that low inflation now protects the savings of this class as your leader states. As interest rates decline the increasing standard weekly fees charged by the home eat more quickly into their capital.

Could it be that the professional advisers of the wealthy find a more lucrative field today in advising their clients how to dispose of most of their capital beneficially, thereby making them entitled to income support when the time comes to enter a residential care home?

Yours,
JOHN DOUGHTY,
17 Pelican Mead,
Ringwood, Hampshire.

BA's engines

From Mr Bryan C. McGee

Sir, Not surprisingly, Lord King (letter, October 18) can provide a commercial justification for British Airways' decision to order engines from General Electric of the United States for their new fleet of Boeing 777 aircraft. The point regarding duty to shareholders is often a rather simplistic one. Messrs Marks & Spencer could no doubt source most of their products from abroad for the short-term gain of their shareholders, but an impoverished customer base will eventually have the reverse effect.

The point at issue really is one of whether the nation can afford such decisions being taken in semi-isolation. The UK engineering industry is currently almost on its knees and Rolls-Royce and its pyramid of suppliers represents one of the few areas where we still have technology and products at the leading edge. However, it is unlikely Rolls-Royce Plc has the resources to remain there without an effective partnership such as it has enjoyed for so long with British Airways.

General Electric, with its much greater resources, was able to pay a handsome price for the South Wales engine overhaul centre to achieve a double coup. First, to achieve the key British Airways order and secondly, to drive a Trojan horse right into the Rolls-Royce heartland. The Trent has been developed from a well proven design, whereas the GE 90 is an all-new engine to be installed in the 777, the first commercial aircraft from Boeing with "fly by wire" controls.

Yours faithfully,
B. C. McGEE,
Blackbrook House, Blackbrook,
Chapel en le Frith, Derbyshire.

Right voice for London

From Mr Damian Green

Sir, Sir Philip Goodhart (letter, October 19) rightly points out that calls for an elected city-wide mayor in London merely evade the issue that any important London problem is also an important national problem, and that therefore the decisions will lie with ministers. In addition, the experience of other countries with powerful elected mayors is not universally favourable.

But while any suggestion for elected authorities, or even a mayor with tightly-defined powers, gives rise to the dangers of returning to the elephantine bureaucracy and dubious practices of the GLC, London's own democratic deficit needs to be addressed.

Sir Philip suggests a Commons select committee. Why not go one step further and institute a grand committee of all London MPs? It would be unarguably representative. It would certainly contain the experience to scrutinise ministerial decisions, and if it did speak with one voice on a specific policy it would carry enormous weight.

The people of London do not need more government. They need to know, in the words of your own leading article (October 9), that they have an "authentic voice" which will be heard with respect in Whitehall. Their MPs are in the best position to provide that voice.

Yours sincerely,
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110 Walm Lane, NW2.
October 21.

Soviet orphans

From Baroness Cox

Sir, Professor John Davis suggests (letter, October 15) that I and my colleague, Dr Katherine Adler, have "condemned" health-care workers in St Petersburg in our recent report (details, September 27) concerning the treatment of Soviet orphans; in fact, we go out of our way to commend the devotion of many of those caring for these children.

What we did find was that many of these workers were being influenced by a policy which wrongly labelled children as mentally-handicapped (using the diagnosis of "oligophrenic" — not known in Western medicine). Once labelled in this way, their whole lives are restricted and they cannot obtain a full education, find normal employment or vote. Our tests showed that many of these children were normal and therefore their lives are stunted in ways which raise serious human rights issues.

We believe this to be a serious problem which needs further investigation. Any help that we could give therefore will involve both direct practical assistance to alleviate immediate problems and an examination of the underlying policies which have led to the "trajectory of despair" described in our report. Copies of this report will shortly be available from Christian Solidarity International.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE COX,
House of Lords.
October 22.

From Dr Katherine M. Adler

Sir, Whilst Baroness Cox and I were in Moscow we were informed by the chief psychiatrist of the Kashinko psychiatric hospital that "whereas in the past there was abuse of psychiatry for political goals, now the abuse is for social goals. The state must actively work to change this because of the human rights at stake". In spite of this we felt that many of the doctors, orphanage directors and teachers whom we met were sincerely trying to do their best under very difficult circumstances.

The Russian people are slowly emerging from a system which has rendered the population so powerless that to assert one's will is extremely difficult. One doctor told me: "You must understand — we are little people — we have not been brought up to have human rights." Against this background one can therefore appreciate the extraordinary courage and drive of those who are trying to make changes for the better.

There is a clear need for far-reaching changes in policy and training and it therefore behoves professionals in the West to foster as much friendly support and interchange as possible.

Yours faithfully,
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Rochdale, Lancashire.
October 21.

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From Professor Emeritus Thomas Stapleton

Sir, Since October 1990 I have visited so-called "children's houses" for orphans in Georgia, Armenia, Latvia and Lithuania. I was also in St Petersburg at the time of the visit by Baroness Cox and Dr Adler, and I gave a seminar in the children's department of the Medical Military Academy there which was attended by the director of one of the "children's houses" in that city.

Everywhere I found a strong desire on the part of the staff of these institutions to improve the situation. It seemed to me that the disadvantages of the Soviet system arise more from bureaucratic procedures than from any ill will or abuse of psychiatry: the mother has to give her permission before a child can be adopted, for example, and siblings have to be adopted into the same family.

Some apparently sensible rules may not always be sensible in the local situation. Could not individual doctors and administrators be invited here from the Soviet Union, to examine our adoption procedures and to see how these could be applied in the various republics?

Meanwhile, I take leave to doubt whether Soviet observations on Cleveland, Rochdale or the Orkneys, reported in the Soviet press, would be regarded here as particularly helpful.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
THOMAS STAPLETON,
The Foundry Cottage, Lane End,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
October 15.

Bad behaviour in top-level rugby

From Mr David M. Smith

Sir, Mr Goss correctly highlights (letter, October 23) the responsibilities of Russ Thomas, chairman of the Rugby World Cup, and all those in authority to maintain certain standards of conduct and discipline on and off the rugby field.

It is becoming increasingly frustrating for those of us involved at a junior level to witness the growing gap between grass-roots rugby and the game at a senior level.

The interpretation, or indeed disregard, of some of the laws at international level makes for a totally different game. Witness Mr David Bishop's "non-refereeing" of the line-out, in Paris last Saturday, when on a number of occasions he seemed to give up and just ignore numerous simultaneous offences — on both sides — and let play continue.

Violence on the field is treated almost as a fact of life at this level whereas we have been instructed to form a disciplinary committee to sanction players guilty of misconduct, whether or not the referee has spotted the infringement. Will the many players who were responsible for such behaviour on Saturday be disciplined by their respective home unions?

And now we have gone one step further with alleged verbal and possibly physical violence against the referee after the game. Perhaps I should take a leaf out of Daniel Dubroca's book and stop buying our referees a pint on a Saturday afternoon, win or lose. I think not, because some of us still have standards and those who are losing them should get out of the game.

Mr Thomas should be the first and we should start looking for a new fifth nation for next season's championship.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID M. SMITH
(Captain, Horsham RUFC),
6 West Parade,
Horsham,
West Sussex.
October 23.

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Lawyers' fees

From the Secretary-General of the Law Society

Sir, Every year the Law Society in its annual statistical report publishes details of the gross fee receipts of solicitors' firms in the previous year, and every year someone misinterprets these figures, assuming that gross fee levels are the same as net.

Your legal affairs correspondent gets this right (report, October 15) but the writer of your leading article ("South-East shake-out", October 18) suggested that rises in gross fees were tantamount to solicitors "awarding themselves a pay rise". The fact is that as overhead costs are rising faster than fee receipts, solicitors are experiencing cuts rather than increases in net income.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. HAYES,
Secretary-General,
The Law Society,
113 Chancery Lane, WC2.
October 21.

Religious tolerance

From Dr Sheridan Gilley

Sir, Clifford Longley's perceptive article (October 19) on Christian proselytism among Jews and members of other faiths has its implications for the confusion in some liberal minds between agreement and tolerance.

Tolerance involves the opposite of agreement or indifference, as one can be said only to tolerate something with which one disagrees; and the more one disagrees the profounder the tolerance one may be called upon to show.

Yours faithfully,
SHERIDAN GILLEY,
University of Durham,
Department of Theology,
Abbey House,
Palace Green,
Durham.
October 21.

Touch of silk

From Professor William Ballantyne

Sir, I read your report (October 15) that rail fares are to go up by almost twice the rate of inflation as I sat on the new "crack" 9am electric service from Edinburgh to King's Cross. In front of me was a copy of BR's free magazine, *InterCity*.

From the item entitled "First Class News" I extract the following:

. . . the strategy of InterCity's biggest ever advertising campaign — to wake people up to the combination of quality, short journey times and frequency that puts InterCity among the world leaders.

. . . the new style black silk campaign is by advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi who won the contract after a competitive tender.

. . . for the filming a whole train had to be cloaked in black silk, and a 10-yard-long model of a train built in the famous Pinewood studios.

There is a picture of the train covered in silk, with the caption "it took 2,000 square yards of silk to cover the train". After leaving the train, which was late on arrival, I ascertained that an average price for black silk is £12 per square yard.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,
154 Clifford's Inn,
Fetter Lane, EC4.
October 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 24: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, this morning attended the International Rugby Football Board's Sports Medicine Congress being held in conjunction with the Rugby World Cup 1991 at the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

This afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the new factory of Pullars of Perth at 1 Ruthvenfield Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth.

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, The Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom, was present today at a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication held in Westminster Abbey to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Royal College.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Gloucester this evening attended a Reception to mark the 125th Anniversary of Franklin and Andrews Chartered Quantity Surveyors at the Guards Museum, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 24: The Duchess of Kent, Sponsor, today visited HMS Upholder (Lieutenant Commander Ian Stallion, RN) in Portsmouth Harbour.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Andrew, civil servant, 63; Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, 56; Lord Brimelow, 76; Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, former Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia, 85; Mr Martin Gilbert, historian, 55; Mr Steve Hodge, footballer, 29; Mr J.G.S. Longcroft, former chairman, Tricentrol, 62; Mr D.C. Mansel Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, 64; Sir John Mayhew-Sanders, company chairman, 60; Mr Joe Mercer, jockey, 57; Mr George Russell, chairman, ITC, 56; Mr A.C. Smith, chief executive, TCCB, 55; Miss Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano, 65; Professor D.J. Wiseman, professor of Assyriology, 73.

At Home

Lady Mayoress
The Lady Mayoress was At Home at Guildhall yesterday to the Court of Aldermen, the Court of Common Council and representatives of the Church, HM Forces, City and civic organisations and City Livery Companies and their ladies.

Mr Rodrigo Moynihan

A luncheon was held yesterday at the Royal Academy of Arts in celebration of the life of Mr Rodrigo Moynihan. Sir Roger de Grey, president of the academy, Mr Richard Shone, Mr Colin Hayes, Sir Martyn Beckett, Mr Francis Wishart, Mr John Ashbery, Mr John Golding, Mr David Sylvester and Ms Cressida Connolly were the speakers.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Beattie, poet, Laurencekirk, Grampian, 1735; Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, historian and politician, Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, 1800; Richard Bonington, painter, Arnold, Nottinghamshire, 1801; Johann Strauss, composer of the "Blue Danube", Vienna, 1825; Georges Bizet, composer, Paris, 1838; Pablo Picasso, painter, Malaga, Spain, 1881; Levi Eshkol, prime minister of Israel 1965-69, Oratovo, Ukraine, 1895.

DEATHS: Stephen, reigned 1135-54, Dover, 1154; Geoffrey Chaucer, poet, London, 1400; Evangelista Torricelli, physicist, designer of the barometer, Florence, 1647; George II, reigned 1727-60, London, 1760; Sir Charles Hallé, pianist and conductor, Manchester, 1895; Frank Norris, novelist, San Francisco, 1902; Frederick William Rolfe, self-styled Baron Corvo, novelist, Venice, 1913; Mary McCarthy, novelist, 1989.

The battle of Agincourt, 1415. The battle of Balaclava, Crimea, 1854.

Insurers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Insurers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Roger C.W. Bardell; Senior Warden, Mr John S. Greig; Junior Warden, Mr Tom Roberts.

Appointments

Sir Alan Bailey and **Mr J. Keith Davies** to be part-time non-executive members of the Board of London Transport.

Service dinners

RN College, Greenwich
Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, Second Sea Lord and Admiral President of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory" at a dinner held last night at the college to mark Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. Commander M.P. Sauvage, commander of the college, presided.

Britannia Royal Naval College
Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Grose, Flag Officer Plymouth, was the guest of honour at a combined Wardroom and Gunroom Mess dinner held last night at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Commander C.J.N. Morrison, Commander of the College, presided.

HMS Sultan
The Officers' Mess, HMS Sultan, held a dinner on board last night to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar. The Right Rev Noel Jones, Bishop of Sodor and Man, proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory". Commander P.J. Unwin presided.

Old Naval Academy, Portsmouth
Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, and Lady Black were the guests of honour at a Trafalgar Night dinner held last night at the Old Naval Academy, Portsmouth, to mark his impending retirement. Commander J.G. Malec presided and Admiral Sir Jeremy Black proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory".

Royal Artillery
General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided at the Royal Artillery autumn dinner held last night in the Officers' Mess, Woolwich. Among the guests were:

The Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Eliassen, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Clair, Lord and Lady Milne, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry and Lady Beverley and the Sultan and Sultana of Kelantan.

Royal Army Pay Corps
Officers of the Royal Army Pay Corps held their Paymaster-in-Chief's Annual Dinner at Worthy Down last night. The principal guests, Sir Edwin Nixon, Major General R.D. Grist, Major General D.H.D. Selwood, Mr M. Gainsborough, Brigadier A.R. Bell, Brigadier D.A. Ralls, Dr R. Harris, Lieutenant Colonel M.R. Faull, the Representative Colonel Commandant Major General B.M. Bowen and Colonel Commandant General Sir John Stibbon were received by Major General P.S. Bray, the Paymaster-in-Chief.

Dinners

Army Board
General Sir John Chapple, Chief of the General Staff, was host yesterday at a dinner given by the Army Board at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Among those present were:

Lord Justice and Lady Nourse, General Sir David and Lady Ramsbotham, General Sir Roland and Lady Guy, General Sir Edward Jones, Lieutenant-General and Mrs Jeremy Blacker, Major General and Mrs Michael Walsh, Brigadier and Mrs Clive Robertson, Mr and Mr Morag Stewart, Mr and Mrs Nigel Clark, Mr and Mrs Peter Dacombe and Mr and Mrs Tommy Macpherson.

Arab-British Chamber of Commerce
The Arab-British Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner at The Inn on the Park after its Annual General Meeting. The guests were received by Sir Richard Beaumont, Chairman, and Mr Abdul Karim Al-Mudaris, Secretary General and Chief Executive of the Chamber. Dr Esmat Abdel Majid, Secretary General, League of Arab States, was the guest of honour and principal speaker. Among the guests were ambassadors of Arab countries, senior officials of HM Government, Members of Parliament and directors of the Chamber.

To British Ambassador in Moscow
Sir Rodric Braithwaite, KCMG, British Ambassador in Moscow, hosted a Trafalgar Night Dinner on October 21, at his residence. Guest of Honour was the Commander in Chief of the Soviet Navy, Admiral of the Fleet V. N. Chernavin, and also in attendance were naval officers from America, Turkey, India, France, Canada, Italy, Romania, Poland, Japan, China and Sweden.

National Economic Development Office
The National Economic Development Office was host at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House for the presidents and secretaries-generals of the other economic and social councils of the European Community. Dr Walter Eltis, Director-General of NEDO, presided. Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Transport, also spoke.

Flyfishers' Club
Lord Kimball was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Flyfishers' Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr C.R. Butterworth presided.

Bowyers' Company
The Master of the Bowyers' Company, Mr Alderman Roger Cork, presided at a dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Colonel Christopher Stevens and Mr Josceline Grove also spoke. The Master, the Upper Warden and the Renter Warden received the guests.

OBITUARIES

AIR MARSHAL SIR NIGEL MILLS

Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills, KBE, surgeon general to the armed forces from October 1990 to September 30 this year, and director general RAF medical services from 1987 until last month, died of cancer on October 18 aged 58. He was born on November 12, 1932.



NIGEL Mills was in top service medical posts during a period of great change that saw the Gulf War and the introduction of plans for the future size and structure of Britain's armed forces. He was resolute in his determination to ensure the retention of medical services capable of fulfilling their war role from a secure and worthwhile peacetime base.

His responsibilities covered all aspects of medical, dental and nursing care for the armed forces from hospital to primary care, from aircrew associated aviation problems to aeromedical evacuation, even extending to the care of released hostages. He flew himself, and thus had a first-hand experience of the sorts of stresses likely to be sustained by pilots and other aircrew.

Nigel Holroyd Mills was the second son of Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, a former C-in-C Bomber Command and, in retirement, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. He went to Berkhamsted School and then studied medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, qualifying in 1955. After two home postings he served at RAF Seletar, Singapore, from 1958 to 1960. Following two more home tours he had a spell at Edwards Air Force Base, California, from 1964.

On his return to this country in 1967 he was posted to RAF Binbrook as senior medical officer. During this time he took the inaugural diploma course in aviation medicine at the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, an experience which consolidated his developing interest in the subject; it was to remain his first love for the rest of his career.

Mills graduated from the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, in 1971 and then served as Command Flight Medical Officer at Strike Command headquarters at RAF High Wycombe, where he was responsible for the health of aircrew. He next had a period in charge of clinical services at the RAF Hospital, Wegberg, in Germany, catering for the large concentration of RAF and British Army personnel in the Mönchengladbach-Rheindalen-Wildenrath area. For three years from 1979 he commanded the RAF Institute of Community and Occupational Medicine and at the same time was responsible for RAF medical cadet recruitment and training; this process he completely revitalised. In 1982-83 he commanded the RAF Medical Rehabilitation Unit, Headley Court, which provides facilities for all three armed services.

On promotion to air commodore in 1983, he returned to Strike Command headquarters as deputy principal medical officer, a post he held until appointed principal medical officer to the RAF in Germany in late 1984. He subsequently attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in 1987 — the first RAF medical officer to do so. In 1987 he became Director General Medical Services (RAF) with the dual post of Deputy Surgeon General Research and Training in the by then tri-service medical directorate in London. He was promoted air marshal in October 1990 on appointment as Surgeon General to the Medical Services of the Armed Forces.

Mills always enjoyed flying and in 1973 was amongst the first group of general duty medical officers to be awarded the newly-introduced flight medical officer badge on completion of the preliminary flying school course on Chipmunks. In 1972 he was awarded the Richard Fox-Linton Prize for research on aircrew work load and he was co-author of a study of duty and sleep patterns in aircrew engaged on long-range in-flight refuelling.

During 1981-83 he was deputy chairman of the planning group formed to consider the future of the RAF medical services; this made a number of far-reaching recommendations. He was created KBE in the 1991 new year honours, having been appointed a Queen's honorary physician in 1988.

In his spare time Mills enjoyed dinghy and off-shore sailing, windsurfing and skiing. He also developed skills in computing and was a great advocate of the use of computers in all aspects of medicine.

He leaves his widow, Pamela, and three daughters.

TONY HEALD

Tony "Pam" Heald, prison governor, died on September 28 aged 76. He was born on September 24, 1915.

TONY Heald had a career in the prison service spanning almost four decades and was governor of four prisons, finally of Pentonville in 1972. The prison managed to escape significant trouble at a time of serious disturbances in several other jails when prisoners were aggressive in demands for what they perceived to be their rights. Heald was regarded by his colleagues, staff and prisoners as urbane, good humoured and very polite. He was not particularly concerned with systems and organisation but rather with the people under his charge.

Philip Anthony Mier Heald (nick-named Pam after his first three initials) was born in Egypt and educated at Blundell's School, in Devon. After teaching in a preparatory school he joined the prison service in 1936 at the age of 21 as a housemaster at North Sea Camp borstal under the influence of Alexander Patterson. In those early days working at North Sea Camp was an unforgettable and demanding experience. As in the world outside there was then a greater underlying sense of discipline which allowed for informal give and take between boys and staff without sacrifice of authority. Housemasters lived in cubicles at the end of boys' dormitories. On one occasion at least Heald was subjected to a practical joke when the boys removed all the springs from his bed so that as he tried to get in he fell straight through on to the floor.

Patterson encouraged young housemasters to gain experience abroad and Heald joined the Burmah Oil company as personnel officer in 1937. He was caught up in the war and eventually joined Wingate's Chindits. He completed war service as a captain before returning briefly to the Burmah Oil company.

In 1946 he rejoined the prison service as a clerical officer at Wormwood Scrubs prison, moving later in the year to Dartmoor as a governor V, the lowest grade. After the icy winter of 1946-47 at Dartmoor he moved to help open Huntercombe borstal. In 1952 he was promoted and transferred to Liverpool prison. Further promotion took him to governor III in charge of Shrewsbury prison in 1955 and to governor II in charge of Sudbury Open prison in Derbyshire in 1963. In 1966 he moved as governor to Exeter prison where he was also responsible for the open prison at Haldon Camp. He encouraged a local theatre company to give performances for the prisoners which led in due course to the prisoners themselves producing plays. He was promoted to governor class I in 1972 and took charge of Pentonville prison for the last three years of his service.

On retirement he worked for the Westminster Chamber of Commerce. He leaves a widow, Patricia, daughter of R. L. Bradley, a former director of borstal administration, and a son and a daughter.

PROF MAGDI WAHBA

Dr Magdi Wahba, professor of English literature at Cairo University and former under secretary of state in the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, died on October 4 in London aged 65. He was born in Alexandria on October 19, 1925.

THE death of Magdi Wahba robs Egypt of an intellectual of sophistication, erudition, modesty and considerable international standing. After graduating in law from Cairo and Paris universities, he turned to the love of his life, the study of literature. He came to Oxford, where he obtained an MA and DPhil in English literature, specialising in the 18th century. But his interests spread over a wide field.

On his return to Cairo University he began a distinguished academic career leading to a professorship in English literature. Besides teaching and training many students he founded in 1954, at his own expense, *Cairo Studies in English*, which under his editorship soon attained an international reputation, especially for its special issues, such as *Johnsonian Studies* (1962).

Despite the fact that his aristocratic family's wealth was expropriated by Nasser's revolution, Wahba, typically, never bore the revolutionary government a grudge and he willingly accepted the invitation to act as under secretary of state in the Ministry of Culture, where over many years he rendered notable service to his country.

He was in charge of, among other things, international cultural relations, in which he was aided by his mastery of several European languages. Much of the civilised aspect of the Nasser period is due to him. In 1972 he published his *Cultural Policy in Egypt*. Wahba eventually returned to academia, but took early retirement to devote himself to his writing and research.

Magdi Wahba published and lectured a great deal, both in Arabic and in English, and was completely at home in English, French and Italian literature. He was a fine lecturer, as was attested by those who attended his George Antonius lecture at St Antony's College, Oxford (1982), entitled "Cairo Memories" (later published in *Encounter*).

Among his achievements are his Arabic translations of *Rasselas*, *Beowulf* and more especially *The Canterbury Tales*, his English translations of the Egyptian writers El-Mazini and Taha Hussein as well as his impressive lexicographical works, in particular his *Dictionary of Literary Terms, English-French-Arabic* (1974). He was elected to the Arabic Language Academy and the Institut d'Egypte, in both of which he remained, despite his poor health, a very active member.

Among the positions he held was the vice-presidency of the Society for Coptic Archaeology and the International Committee for Philosophy and the Social Sciences and membership of Egypt's Consultative Assembly. A volume of essays was recently published in his honour in Cairo by his ex-pupils and colleagues, who acknowledged him as the doyen of English studies in Egypt.

Many a scholar, writer and diplomat, especially from this country, will remember with affection and gratitude the hospitality he or she received from Magdi and his wife, José.

He is survived by her and by three sons.



SIR KENNETH CORK

John Faulkner writes:

MAY I add to your obituary of Sir Kenneth Cork (October 16) which does not do full justice to his impact on the arts.

Throughout his chairmanship of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre he was both a productive and tireless gadfly on the Arts Council (whose drama director I then was) and a powerful mover in the corridors of power when finance for the arts was discussed. I had many a passage of arms with him on these matters and his robustness and good sense were matched only by his (occasionally teasing) sense of humour and ability to remain good friends off the field of battle.

He proved these qualities even more conclusively when he chaired the Arts Council's own report *Theatre is for All*, known universally as "The Cork Report". This brought far-reaching changes in the relationship between theatres and companies of all sizes and the Arts Council and, backed by his financial prestige, resoundingly reaffirmed the case for public investment in the arts.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the Conwy tunnel crossing, Gwynedd, at 10.15; the Aberconwy Borough Council offices at Bodlondeb, *10.45; and will visit Conwy* Castle at 11.30. She will visit Anglesey Heritage Centre, Llangefni, at 2.45; visit Holyhead, arriving at the War Memorial at 3.55; and open Garreglwyd old people's home at 4.10.

The Duke of York, president, will attend the Royal Aero Club dinner at the Lansdowne Club at 8.00.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will open the society's child care unit, Berners Street, Ipswich, at 3.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as President of the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Associaiton, will visit Rush Court, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, at 2.30.

Memorial services

Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mavor
The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire attended a memorial service for Air Marshal Sir *Leslie Mavor held yesterday at* St John's, Easingwold, North Yorkshire. The Dean of York officiated. Flight Lieutenant R.I.D. Mavor, son, read *High Flight*, by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, and Group Captain R.B. Gubbins gave an address.

Mr Charles Coward
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Perring, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Charles Coward held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated and the Rev Basil Watson said prayers. Sir Murray Fox read the lesson and Mr Clive Coward, son, read *If* by Rudyard Kipling. Sir Peter Studd gave an address.

Luncheon

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
Archbishop Bruno Heim, Vice-President of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, presided at the annual convocation luncheon of the institute held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel and presented Mr Peter Wilson Coldham with the Julian Bickersteth memorial medal.



Princess Margaret is met by the Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Michael Mayne

Royal College of Nursing

Princess Margaret attended a service of thanksgiving and re-dedication in Westminster Abbey yesterday to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Royal College of Nursing. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor.

Mr John Kelly, Chairman of Council of the Royal College of Nursing, read the lesson and Professor June Clark, president, read from *A Declaration of Belief about the Nature and Purpose of Nursing* adapted from *On Nursing Towards a New Endowment* by M. Styles. Rabbi Sybil Sheridan led the prayers of thanksgiving and the Rev Dora Frost led the Act of Dedication. Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, Chairman of St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, gave an address.

During the service the Royal Charter was carried by Student Nurse Charlotte Allen, escorted by fellows of the college, in procession from the west end of the church. It was received in the Lantern by the president of the college who delivered it to the Dean to be placed on the High Altar.

Canon Paul Bates, Canon Anthony Harvey, the Rev Paul Ferguson, Chaplain and Sacrist, the Right Rev Howard Tripp, representing the Roman Catholic Church, Major Doreen James, representing the Salvation Army, and the Rev Paul Robins were robed and seated in the sacrarium.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter were present.

Church news

The Rev Norman Chatfield, Rector of Alverstoke and an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral, has been appointed to the Residentiary Canonry of Gloucester Cathedral.

Other appointments

The Rev Jean Staff, Assistant Curate, Gainsborough St George: to be Minister-in-charge, Gainsborough St George (Lincoln).
The Rev Henry W Stratton, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Odd Rode: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Runcorn (Chester).
The Rev David R Underwood, non-stipendiary Minister, Barrow with Denham and Higham Green: to be Deacon, Haverhill Team Ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev Ben Wildsmith, Assistant Curate, St James, Grimsby (Lincoln): to be Assistant Curate, St Helen's, Abingdon (Oxford).
The Rev Tony J M Winterbotham, Hon Cathedral Chaplain, Portsmouth Cathedral: to be *also* Hon Canon Emeritus, Portsmouth Cathedral (Portsmouth).
The Rev Malcolm Whyte, Vicar, Emmanuel, Southport, and Area Dean of North Meols: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Leslie Brotherton, Vicar, St Anne, Moseley (Birmingham): to retire as from 31 October.
The Rev Canon Harold Collard, Vicar, Matlock Bath, and an Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral (Derby): to retire as from May 31 1992.
The Rev John E Dennett, Vicar, St Thomas, Blackpool (Blackburn): to retire as from December 31.
The Rev Richard Emerson, Vicar, Chapel St Leonards with Hogsthorpe (Lincoln): retired as from 12 September.
The Rev Lance S C Harvey, Vicar, The Good Shepherd, Lee, and Rural Dean of East Lewisham (Southwark): to retire as from February 8 1992.
The Rev Ian C Hawkins, Vicar, Nonington with Wymynswold and Goodnestone with Chillenden and Knowlton (Canterbury): to retire as from 31 March 1992.
The Rev John M Shorrock, Rector, Bredgar with Bicknor and Frinsted with Wormshill and Milstead (Canterbury): to retire as from 30 April 1992.
The Rev Canon Anthony Simpson, Rector, Barkwith group, and Rural Dean of Westwold (Lincoln): to retire as from 30 November.
The Rev Grahame Smith, Rector, Lillington (Lincoln): to retire as from 9 February 1992.
The Rev Brian Stalley, Rector, Branston (Lincoln): retired as from 8 September.
The Rev H Beverley Tasker, Vicar, Long Ashton, and Rural Dean of Portishead (Bath and Wells): to resign as Rural Dean of Portishead as from 31 December.
The Rev Prebendary Kenneth Toovey, St John's, Greenhill, Harrow (London): to retire as from October 31.
The Rev Peter Webster, Vicar, Barrow-on-Humber and Goxhill (Lincoln): to retire as from 8 November.
The Rev Canon Cecil E Wetherall, Rector, Hitcham with Little Finborough, and Priest-in-charge, Kettleston and Preston (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from 31 December.

Other appointments

Mrs Elaine Appelbee, community worker and co-ordinator of the Hutson Street Project in Bradford: to be the Bishop of Bradford's Officer for *Church in Society in new post).*
Captain Ken Ashby: to serve as Church Army Captain, St Barnabas, Otley (Rochester).

Coral Grand Ball

The Coral Grand Ball was held last night at the Café Royal in aid of the Spinal Injuries Association. Mr Peter Sherlock, Chairman and Chief Executive of Coral, and Mr Wyn Calvin, King Rat of the Grand Order of Water Rats, were the speakers.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.E. Cadbury and Miss L.E. Summers
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Cadbury, of Doverdale, Worcestershire, and Lindsey, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Summers, of Edinburgh.

Captain I.A. Cumming, RE and Miss C.F.A. Nickell
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs John Cumming, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Nickell, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr M.R. Evans and Miss M.F. Ingledew
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Evans, of Monaco, and Mary, daughter of Mr John Ingledew, of Abergavenny, and Mrs Caroline Lewis, of Gillingham, Dorset.

De Heer K.H. Halbertsma and Miss S.E. Courtauld
The engagement is announced between Hanco, youngest son of De Heer Prof. Ir. Klaas Halbertsma, of De Bilt, and Mevrouw Eefka Meijburg, of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Serena, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Courtauld, of Don Johns Farm, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex.

Mr S.D.A. Johnson and Miss C.E. Russell
The engagement is announced between Stirling, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Johnson, of Woolston, Williton, Somerset, and Catriona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Russell, of Monikie, Angus, Scotland.

Mr S.B. Palling and Miss L.J. Bredin
The engagement is announced between Bruce, younger son of the late Mr S. Palling and of Mrs Grace Palling, of Castlemaine, Victoria, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr G.R.H. Bredin, of Wandsworth, London, and Mrs A. Gilroy, of Glenshinnel.

Mr N.E.V. Roberts and Miss S.R. Clouston
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs E.V. Roberts, of Chester, and Susan, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs O.H. Clouston.

Mr D.J. Russell and Miss C-A. Warden
The engagement is announced between Damon James, only son of Mr J. Russell, of Swanick, Hampshire, and Mrs A. Douet, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Cherry-Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Warden, of Newtownards, County Down.

Captain A.J. Watson and Miss C.N. Pritchard
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Watson, of North Luffenham, Leicestershire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Charles Pritchard, of West Wittering, West Sussex.

Mr R.C. Young and Miss S.J. Cockel
The engagement is announced between Richard Christian, son of Mr and Mrs R.B. Young, of Ealing, London, and Susan Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs R. Cockel, of Moseley, Birmingham.

Marriage

Mr R.S. Panesar and Miss K.K. Bhoday
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at Woolwich Gurdwara, of Mr Rajeshwar Singh Panesar, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Akaldev Singh Panesar, of Southall, Middlesex, and Miss Kirnjit Kaur Bhoday, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Prem Singh Bhoday, of Charlton, London. The Bhai Sahib and Ragee Sahiban, of Woolwich Gurdwara officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Pavan, Deepee, Paly, Mary, Meena and Pinder. Dali was best man.

A reception was held at Ealing Town Hall on October 13 and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire

The Governors of Moreton Hall have appointed Mr Jonathan Forster, at present a housemaster of girls at Strathallan School, Perth, to take over as Principal on the retirement of Mr M.J. Maloney, JP, at the end of this academic year.

Take heart, my children! Cry out to God, for he who afflicted you will not forget you.
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BIRTHS

ACLAND - On October 22nd, to Simon and Jo (Valentine), a daughter, Eloise Anna.

BEESON - On October 23rd, to Rosalind (née Mead) and Nick, a daughter, Helena Grace (Lottie), a sister for Cassie and Sandy.

CLARK - On October 20th to Carolyn (née Jordan) and Andrew, a daughter, Isabella Jane.

COULSON - On October 20th, 1991, in Munich, to Katharine and Nicholas Coulson, a daughter Serena Lucy Gabriel

dei BALZO di PRESENZANO - On October 24th to Louise and Ludovico, a daughter, Olivia.

EMERSON - On October 22nd to Meg (née Naylor) and Giles, a daughter, Poppy Kingsford.

EWENCE - On October 2nd to Julia (née Gordon) and Martin, a beautiful daughter, Poppy Helen Gordon

GOULDING - On 22nd October to Gina and Giles, a daughter, A Passe Pardaillon, 47120, Duras, France.

GRIFFITHS - On October 21st, at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Frances and William, a daughter, Isabel Kathleen.

IMPEY - On October 12th 1991, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to Katharine (née Lynne) and Andrew, a son, George Edward Austen.

JAY - On October 14th to Sue (née Prentice) and Chris, a daughter, Anna Katharine.

KNUTH-WINTERFELDT - On October 18th, at the Portland Hospital, to Countess Vibeke (née Balle) and Count Ditlev, a daughter, Lady Amalie.

LORENTZOS - On October 7th, to Alison (née Ricketts) and George, a son, Theodore.

RUBIN - On October 18th 1991, to Danielle (née Steiner) and Andy, a daughter, Katie Rachel.

SALVESEN - On October 19th to Louise (née Howe) and Jeremy, a son, Raleigh Douglas, a brother for Oliver.

TYE - On October 23rd 1991, to Jane (Née Taylor) and Christopher, a precious son for Christmas, Edward Jonathan, a gift who couldn't wait to be unwrapped.

WATSON - On October 16th 1991 to Helen (née Hunter Blair) and Jamie, a daughter, Natasha Jean, a sister for Emily.

WHIFFEN - On October 24th, to Geneviève (née King) and Charles, a son, George Crispin, a brother for Edward and Portia.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSE:OBSEN - On October 25th 1941, at Parkstone Baptist Church, Douglas Ronald to June Rose. Congratulations on your Golden Wedding. Love from all your family and friends.

HIGGINS:WALKER - On October 25th 1941 at Corpo Santo, Lisbon, Michael to Moira.

LAWTON:STEPHENSON - On October 25th 1941 at Holy Trinity, Brompton, Philip to Lettice, now residing at Wisborough Green, West Sussex. Congratulations on 50 wonderful years.

DEATHS

ASKEW - On October 22nd, 1991, Eulalie (Lula), dearly loved wife of Anthony, mother of Lucy and Max, and daughter of Val and Alan Skinner. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please.

ALLEN - On Thursday, October 24th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Herbert Myiren Allen of West Kirby and formerly of Grassendale Park, Liverpool. Very dear husband of Daphne and much loved father of Marian, Julia and Jenny and grandfather of Rex, Heather and Celia. Funeral service at The Parish Church of St. Andrew, West Kirby on Monday, 28th October at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Landican. T.A. Ball, Birkenhead, Merseyside.

BLACKETT - On October 23rd, suddenly but peacefully, in her 82nd year, Kitty, of Auchindinny, Mid-Lothian, widow of Major GWS Blackett of Arbigland. Much loved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Service at Kirkbean Church, Tuesday 29th October at 2pm. Family flowers only.

COLEMAN - On October 21st 1991, suddenly while returning from overseas, Stanley Spencer, aged 78, of Redmarley (formerly of London). Service of Thanksgiving for his life and work, 12 noon on Monday October 28th at St John's Church, Paunsley, near Redmarley, Gloucestershire.

EVANS - On October 21st, suddenly at home, Violet Vivien (Gai), beloved wife of Derek and much loved mother of Hermione, Gill and David and grandmother of Aanwen, Jessica, Alexander and Sarah. Private family funeral at St Peter & Paul, Houne, on Tuesday October 29th, at 12 noon. Service of Thanksgiving at the same church on Thursday November 28th, at 12 noon, to which all friends are welcome. Donations if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, C/O Rackhams Funeral Services, Stanley Road, Diss 642321.

HARRINGTON - On October 22nd, at her daughter's home, Joy, aged 77, in peace, and undiminished by the trials of her final illness; actress, writer, and for many years director of television programmes with the BBC; dearly loved and remembered by all her family and the many friends whose lives she enriched. Family funeral: there will be a service of thanksgiving in London later. Gifts to Putney Samaritans 106, Felsham Rd, SW15 1DQ will be much appreciated.

HURFORD - On October 9th 1991, peacefully at Farnham Hospital, Dr. Olive M. (née Browne), aged 82 years. Dear wife of the late John Vernon Hurford, much loved mother of Alan and David and grandmother of Richard. Funeral Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday October 31st at 12 noon. All friends welcome. Floral tributes and enquiries to H.C. Patrick and Co., Funeral Directors, 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey. (0252) 714884.

JACKSON - On October 21st 1991, Dr Roland Jackson, aged 81 years. Dear husband of Grace and father of Felix, father-in-law of Susan and grandfather of Andrew and Christopher. The funeral service takes place at St. Martin's Church, Blackheath near Guildford on Tuesday October 29th at 2.45 p.m. followed by cremation. Flowers or donations if desired may be sent for Parkinsons Disease Society, C/O Aylings Funeral Services, 28 South Road, Guildford. Tel: 0483 67535.

LONGMAN - On October 22nd, Mrs Katherine Elizabeth, widow of William Longman of Chelsea in her 88th year. Funeral service at The Kensington and Chelsea cemetery, Gunnersbury, London W3 8LF on Thursday 31st October at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to W.S.P.A., Park Place, 10 Lawn Lane, London SW8.

MADDEN - On October 22nd, peacefully, John Franklin, aged 90, much loved father of Francis and Diana and dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Withersfield Parish Church on Tuesday October 29th at 3pm. Family flowers only please but donations to Little Wratting Church, C/O H. J. Painting Limited, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambs.

MASON - Cyril Arthur Fortescue of Blackheath. Funeral Service will be held at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, SW16, on November 2nd at 11 am. All friends and colleagues welcome.

MORLEY-PEARCE - On October 21st in the Brampton War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Bridget Natalie, Deacon. Funeral Mass of Requiem at St Aidan's Church, Carlisle, 12 noon Wednesday October 30th. Flowers to St Aidan's Church or donations to Brampton Hospital.

PAILTHORPE - On October 21st in hospital, Joyce, a much loved and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral St Paul's Church, Northgate, Chichester on Tuesday 29th October at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of St Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

RUNDLE - On October 23rd 1991, peacefully, Frederick Leslie, dearly loved husband of Mildred and beloved father of Peter and John. Funeral service Wednesday 30th October at 1pm at St. Peter's Church, Brackley. Flowers to W.J. Franklin and Son, 8 Buckingham Road, Brackley, Northants. 0280 702556.

SEDGWICK - On October 22nd 1991, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, John Lyle Cmdr (E) RN ret'd. Dearly loved husband of the late Moira (née Cook), devoted husband of Mary and much loved father of Caroline and Christopher. Funeral service at Stafford Crematorium on Tuesday October 29th at 2pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if wished in his memory to SSAFA, C/O Price & Stubbs, Mill St, Stone, ST15 8BA.

STANDEN - On October 23rd, Roy, peacefully at home after a long illness, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral to be held at St John's, Woking Crematorium on Tuesday October 29th at 12.30pm.

SUTHERLAND - On October 23rd 1991 peacefully at Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen after a short illness, Monica S. (Micky), née Allan of Manar, Inverurie. Beloved wife of the late Robert Macdonald Sutherland and much loved mother of Shuna and Lorna. Private family funeral at her own request at Manar on October 29th at 1.45pm. No flowers by request but donations to her charities may be sent to Manar House, Memorial Service at St Andrew's Church, Inverurie on October 30th at 2pm. All friends very welcome.

WILLSMER - On October 23rd, after a short illness, peacefully at home in Edenbridge, John. Funeral on October 30th 12 noon at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth (Nr Crawley). Funeral Directors S.Smith & Son 127, Lingfield Rd, Edenbridge, Kent.

WYLIE - On Wednesday, October 23rd 1991, suddenly at home of a heart attack, Colonel Kenneth Neil Wylie DSO, MBE, MA, dearly loved husband of Leo and father of Fiona, Vicky and Amabel. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service to be held in West Mersea, details to be announced later. Donations, if desired to Missions to Seamen, 20 Camberley Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

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Dated 22nd October 1991
L J BAEHR, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
OPALBROWN LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, F.I.P.A. of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by a resolution of the company's members and creditors on 16th October 1991.
Dated this 22nd October 1991
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LT, on Wednesday, the 6th day of November, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of sea.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LT, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 21st day of October 1991
JEREMY N.D. FARMER.
Director

PRESS AND GAZETTE NOTICE
INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
UNIONAMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
TRANSFER OF GENERAL BUSINESS
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Unionamerica Insurance Company Limited ("Unionamerica") has applied to the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry on 23rd October 1991 for his approval, pursuant to section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, to transfer to SOREMA (UK) Reinsurance Limited ("SOREMA") all of its rights and obligations under policies written by it in the course of technical risk insurance business carried on by it in the United Kingdom between 1st April 1990 and 31st March 1991 both dates inclusive through the agency of Continental Reinsurance Technical Risk Management Limited (which changed its name on 15th November 1990 to SOREMA (UK) Underwriting Management Limited).
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No. 008856 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN THE MATTER OF RADAMEC GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on Tuesday 6th August, 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday 4th November 1991.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for the purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 28th day of October, 1991.
LOVELL WHITE DURRANT
65 Holborn Viaduct
London EC1A 2DY
Solicitors for the above-mentioned Company

G & G HOMECARE WINDOWS LIMITED
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Tuesday the 5th day of November 1991 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 22nd day of October 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G CUNLIFFE - DIRECTOR

In the Matter of UNITED RAILWAYS OF THE HAVANA AND REGLA WAREHOUSES LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Holders of Consolidated Stock in the above-named Company will be held at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 28 November 1991 at 12.15 p.m. for the purposes of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolutions: 1. THAT the resignation of Adrian John Pemtin as Liquidator of the Company with effect from close of business of the Meeting be and is hereby accepted. 2. THAT Edwin David Stanley Kirker of the firm Pannell Kerr Forster, Chartered Accountants, be and is hereby appointed as Liquidator of the Company for the purposes of the Voluntary Winding-Up of the Company with effect from the close of business of this Meeting. 3. THAT the Account of the Liquidators acts and dealings and the conduct of the Winding-Up brought down to 28 November 1991 be and is hereby approved.
Dated this 21 day of October 1991.
A.J Pemtin, LIQUIDATOR
NOTE: A Consolidated Stock Holder enilfied to attend and vote at this Meeting is entitled to appoint another as his proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a Consolidated Stock Holder in the Company.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary Winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2222623.
Name of company: Abbeycross Roofing Ltd. Nature of business: Roofing and Gen Bldg. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Liquidator name and address: R.A. Segal, Treviot House, 186/192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Office holder no: 002686 Date of appointment: 18th October 1991. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors. Date 18/10/91.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Members)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1194237.
Name of company: Clean-A-Kitchen Ltd. Nature of business: Industrial Cleaning. Address of registered office: Treviot House, 186-191 High Road, Ilford, Essex. IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Members. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002686. Date of appointment: 7 October 1991 By whom appointed. The Members. Date: 16 October 1991.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE is hereby given that the National Rivers Authority intend to apply at the expiration of one calendar month from the date of the publication of this notice to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the confirmation of byelaws made by the Authority for securing the efficient working of the drainage system in their area including the proper defence against sea or tidal water of that part of the area of the Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee which is at risk of flooding therefrom.
During a period of one calendar month from the date of publication of this notice, a copy of the said byelaws will be kept at the offices of the Authority at Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading RG1 8DQ and Howard House, 10/11 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TG, and will be open to public inspection, free of charge, on any weekday during normal office hours. During the same period printed copies of the byelaws will be supplied on demand free of charge to any person on application to the Authority.
Any objection to the confirmation of the byelaws should be made in writing, stating out the grounds

NEW RELEASES

♦ **BOYZ N THE HOOD (15):** Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ **DEAD AGAIN (15):** An L.A. scissor murder from the Forties returns to haunt Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson. Nonsensical, over-the-top suspense thriller. Branagh directs.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Empire (071-437 9996) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DOCTEUR PETIOT (12): French serial killer (Michel Serrault, chilling) scurries round Nazi-occupied Paris. Boldly styled in German Expressionist hues; director, Christian de Chalonge.
Everyman (071-435 1525).

♦ **FLIRTING (12):** Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

HOMICIDE (15): David Mamet's study of a Jewish cop in New York's snake pit: stunted as drama, but a vivid picture of urban hell. Starring Joe Mantegna.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

MORTAL THOUGHTS (15): Brutal hubby gets his throat slashed; wife and best friend have blood on their hands, and the police on their tail. Stylish, brooding drama, with Demi Moore, Glenne Headly, Bruce Wills. Director, Alan Rudolph.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

CURRENT

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWRITER (12): Gauche kid (Keanu Reeves) falls for feisty aunt (Barbara Hersney), while a soap opera writer (Peter Falk) weaves magic spells

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

Zestful treatment of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel. Director, Jon Amiel.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

CITY SLICKERS (12): Over-stretched sentimental comedy, with Billy Crystal and chums solving mid-life crises during a cattle trek. Starring Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Helen Slater. Director, Ron Underwood.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915583).

♦ **THE COMMITMENTS (15):** Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0426 914501) Plaza (071-437 9996) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DEKALOG PARTS 5 AND 6 (18): A devastating analysis of a senseless murder, plus a voyeur's sad tale — two of the best from Krzysztof Kieslowski's Ten Commandments cycle.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **DOG HOLLYWOOD (12):** L.A. bound doctor (Michael J. Fox) becomes waylaid in the sticks. Silly comedy whose charm quickly fades; a Hollywood debut for British director Michael Caton-Jones.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ **EDWARD II (18):** Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers; Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

LET HIM HAVE IT (15): An epileptic youngster's road to the hangman's noose. Sombre, powerful drama about the 1952 Craig/Bentley case. Chris Eccleston, Paul Reynolds, Tom Courtenay; director, Peter Medak.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915583).

♦ **MEETING VENUS (12):** Backstage dramas while staging *Tannhäuser* in Paris; adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glenn Close; directed by Istvan Szabó, produced by David Puttnam.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Plaza (071-497 9996).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey; Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

♦ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **THE RESCUERS DOWN UNDER (U):** The star mice from Disney's 1977 *The Rescuers* return to rescue a kidnapped boy. Unambitious cartoon feature for the easily pleased. Directors, Handel Butoy, Mike Gabriel.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ **STEPPING OUT (PG):** Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Berri.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BECKET:** Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☑ **KVETCH:** Steven Berkoff's trip into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Roger Allam and Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

☑ **THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI:** Emphatically menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevis's strong production of Brecht.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 170mins.

☐ **THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES:** Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300). Part 1: Mon, Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2: Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm. 150mins each.

☐ **A SWELL PARTY:** Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **TARTUFFE:** Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins.

■ **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD:** Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art. Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins. Final week.

☑ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.

Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☑ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☑ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 160mins.

☑ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☑ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☑ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ☑ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☑ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☑ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☑ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☑ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

WEEKEND EVENTS

century French paintings and sculpture, and a quote from contemporary writer Angela Carter.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

NIGEL CHARNOCK: Well respected for his work with DV8 Physical Theatre, dancer Nigel Charnock begins a nationwide tour of a new solo show, *Resurrection* — an exploration of the fears of death and love. His brand of dance theatre is known to be uncompromising, challenging, and raw in its physical and emotional intensity.
Yorkshire Dance Centre, Leeds (0532 426066), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

MAURIZIO POLLINI: As part of the South Bank's "International Piano Series" Italian Maurizio Pollini gives what is set to be a technically dazzling recital of Chopin (the 24 Preludes), Debussy (Six Etudes, Book II); and Stravinsky (three movements from *Petrushka*).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Pianist Alfred Brendel and the CBSO, under the baton of Simon Rattle, give the second of three concerts at the Barbican. The programme begins with Beethoven's Piano Concertos Nos 2 and 3 and ends with Mozart's Symphony No 40, K550
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.15pm

LLOYD COLE: 1990 marked the beginnings of a solo career for Lloyd Cole following the announced break-up of his partnership with The Commotions. Thistour coincides with the release of his second solo album, *Don't Get Weird On Me, Babe.*
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081), tonight, 7.30pm.

ALBAN BERG QUARTET: The associate artists on the South Bank tackle masterpieces for the medium by Mozart (K387 in G), Brahms (Op 51 No 2 in A minor) and Janáček (No 2, the individually coloured and expressive "Intimate Letters", of 1928).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 3pm.

PHILHARMONIA: A programme of 20th century music from the Philharmonia under Edgar Howarth features Sashko Gawriloff in the first British performance of Ligeti's Violin Concerto; Satie's *Parade*; Ligeti's *San Francisco Polyphony*; and Janáček's *Sinfonietta*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

CANTERBURY FESTIVAL: The Canterbury Philharmonic Orchestra, under Richard Cooke, performs the finale to the 1991 festival, in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The programme comprises Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*; Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*; Tippett's *A Child of Our Time* (featuring Swedish soprano Ann-Christine Göransson, recently announced winner of the BP Peter Pears Award) With the Canterbury Choral Society.
Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury (0227 762862), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

Whirlwind of shock tactics

THEATRE

King Lear
Mermaid

TRAGEDY would be made doubly tragic if the prospect of *Lear* in Japanese were to keep theatregoers away from Blackfriars where the Japan Festival's Shakespeare season has reached half-way point. The festival is unlikely to throw up anything else so bold, beautiful and immediately riveting: part musical, part ballet, part mime, wholly epic.

Significantly, the director of this production from the Banyu Inryoku Company is also the composer. J.A. Seazer even introduces musical comment from the "Opera Singer of Darkness" who warbles what sounds like inferior Puccini, that is to say superior Lloyd Webber. Taped music and live percussion maintain a perpetual soundtrack, from sinister, repetitive minimalism to pounding rock minor-key portentousness.

Visually the production is fascinating. The set by Nobutaka Kotake consists of tubular scaffolding dominated by a tilting bridge, possibly the cross-piece of a collapsing proscenium arch to whose skeletal framework ornate gilding still clings. A wire sculpture turns out to be a giant snail shell, a portable home in the storm scene. The moon descends and rises, turning blood red.

The opening scene employs shock tactics to hurl us into the whirlwind of nature. The quiet stage full of balletic figures is shaken by blasts of sound and the lighting turns the world blue or green, as in cinematic jump cuts, as the figures writhe, dance or fling themselves flat on the ground. The company comprises young actor-singers who may, for all I know, speak the lines with the Tokyo equivalent of the Neasden twang, like the Royal Shakespeare Company on a bad day; but visually they are stunning, mixing theatrical traditions in a superb display of physical versatility.

The show changes into a ballet for seductive pas de deux for Edmund and Goneril; Oswald, a brilliantly bumptious mixture of clown and acrobat, brawls with Kent in a comic rough and tumble that includes somersaults and back-flips, echoed more grimly in his fight till the death with Edgar. Edmund and Edgar's battle is protracted, freezing into false endings as first one then the other seems vanquished, until the brothers are transfixed on each other's swords. The ghosts of Cordelia and the Fool dance off through the mists, shutting a lighted door behind them and leaving the stage dark.

How much of Shakespeare's *Lear* is left I am not sure. The production imposes its own values where spectacle, sound and movement owe more to the large-scale musical or even the opera house — with a touch of Hieronymus Bosch — than to the conventional theatre.

Keitoku Takata (Lear), Keiji Fukushi (Fool) and, especially, Akihiro Mizuoka's roaring, dancing, sexy Edmund stand out; but this is a company achievement as the audience ovation acknowledged. They should try *Les Misérables* next.

MARTIN HOYLE

MARILYN KINGWILL



Wholly epic: Junko Matsumaru as Cordelia and Keitoku Takata as Lear

THEATRE

The Invisible Man
Royal, Stratford East

IN THE closing moments of the Thirties film, when the Invisible Man has been hunted down and killed with a blow from a shovel, trick photography showed a network of blood vessels assembling in the empty air; gradually they were tissued over until skin covered them and audiences could see at last the features — those of Claude Rains as it happens — of the man inside the bandages.

Ken Hill's direction of his own adaptation of the H.G. Wells thriller cannot create any effect quite so miraculous but the evening contains amazing stage tricks in plenty. Paul Kieve, member of the Inner Magic Circle, devises "illusions and special effects" and I suppose the bread knife, for instance, is suspended on wires that make it twist and turn around the landlady's throat, but blessed if I could see them. Drawers presumably are pushed open by rods extended from the other side of the table, but how does the empty silk dressing-gown — no hands, no head — lift a cigarette to invisible lips and suck in the smoke to make the tip glow?

Hill ingeniously sets the tale within a musical account of the Invisible Man's week-long reign of terror. On to the stage dance a chorus of men in black banana moustaches, a trio of women, and Brian Murphy as the Tramp, eyewitness and brief accomplice of the hero-villain. Painted backcloths take us to the Sussex village of Iping and subsequent events unfold in scenes set alternately in rooms where furniture hops about and in brief set-changing interludes in front of the curtain. A bass clarinet in the pit plays ominous notes each time the Invisible Man makes, so to speak, an appearance.

The village inhabitants are more "theatre workshop" than in Wells's original — dippy squire, feminist schoolteacher, fatuous vicar — but this matters little in the onward rush of things, and Hill fleshes out the briefly outlined figures of the book into amusing stage characters. Vicar: "If God had intended women to be equal, He would have created them so."

In the second half the rush runs off in too many directions at once and we are asked to believe in a nationwide crisis of assassination and panic while pig-headed Iping plods on with a not specially disastrous May fair. But when Kieve's wires resume their magic work, all criticism fails before the comical wonder of watching inanimate objects sport around in the air. Hill's cast are adept at shaking themselves about and having their noses pinched by invisible fingers. Co-ordinated movements suggest the invisible shape thrusting itself through them. Jon Finch, like Claude Rains, materialises for the closing moments.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

BBC SO/Knussen
Festival Hall/Radio 3

I SUSPECT the logic behind this extraordinary programme was that all the pieces were favourites Oliver Knussen wanted to conduct: the weirdest works of Stravinsky (*Zvezdoliki*) and Schoenberg (*Die glückliche Hand*), a Takemitsu, a symphony by Dmitri Smirnov, who has been a friend to many British composers visiting Moscow, and a big diptych by Leon Kirchner, whose music Knussen has championed at the Aldeburgh Festival. But far better such partisanship than the meek routine of most orchestral programming: passions were being voiced here (and dexterously insinuated); ears were being opened.

The big discovery was the Kirchner, a pairing of his 1969 *Music for Orchestra* with its companion piece of two decades later. This twinning, suggested by Knussen and endorsed by the composer, worked so well partly because of the difference between the movements, the later one having a new swagger, even brashness: chrome steel after sculpted wood.

But it worked too because of the solidity and thoroughness of Kirchner's voice. He belongs clearly to the Schoenberg school, but equally clearly to that school's American department: there is a bound, a leanness and a lucidity to his music, a joy that associates him with Bernstein or Copland despite his harmony being so much chewier.

A great teacher (at Harvard for nearly 30 years before his recent retirement), he is also evidently a great learner, and in *Music for Orchestra I* took up from younger colleagues voguish elements of improvisation but working them into a developing span with a power and purpose all his own.

There is none of that in the later score: only a master musician's virtuoso recreation, rooted in gymnastics for piano and strings suggesting the Athlete's music in *Lulu*. The diptych as a whole gives plentiful opportunities to the other players too, and effectively makes a concerto for orchestra: it had a properly ebullient, celebratory performance.

The Stravinsky — a "cantata for planets" Debussy called it — also had an excellent performance, with beautifully voiced and blended brass chords, and an imaginative wispiness. It is a tough piece to tune, but the two dozen men of the BBC Singers were almost menacingly firm; one could just have wished for more of them. In the Schoenberg, with David Wilson-Johnson in the protagonist's scrappy part, the only lack was of the work's visual dimension. Light was seeping and glaring out of the orchestra, but this is a work crying out for television treatment.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

OPERA

The Cady
Queen Elizabeth Hall

WHAT was said to be the first performance for more than 200 years of an "operatic farce" by Thomas Linley the Younger shone a little light into a dim and dusty corner of English music. Although antique, this was hardly buried treasure — more a handful of musical small change.

Linley, who formed a brief boyish friendship with Mozart when they were 14-year-old prodigies visiting Florence, had no time to make much impression before he drowned, aged 22. On the evidence of this score, held in the British Museum and put into a performing version by Luigi de Filippi, who conducted, Linley had facility and charm but a technique too limited to make much of it.

His music for the farcical story, in three short acts, comprised 12 arias, two duets and a finale, which illustrate stages in the tortuous intrigue of a nasty Cady of Baghdad, given his comeuppance by being tricked into taking an unprepossessing bride after ridding himself of a wife.

The farce was well played out on its own terms. It involved fustian dialogue spoken for laughs, between four singers on one side, three actors on the other, and a dishevelled Robert Tear — jacketless and collar awry, reeling and staggering — as Omar the Dyer, a drunken renegade. He had more to say for himself in marvellously slurred speech than in Omar's simple ballad tunes.

Two good arias went to Zemroude, a *soprano leggiero* role sung with spirit and flexible agility by Elizabeth Gale. Sarah Pring sang the rejected wife's one number fetchingly, and Christopher Gillett pleaded the cause of young love, but Peter Knapp sounded too stolid as Cady. The London Mozart Players provided amiable support in mostly jog-trot rhythms, with Phil Rose, Leon Greene and Brian Bovell giving enjoyable character to the non-singing roles, while William Gaunt's narrator kept us abreast of comings and goings.

NOEL GOODWIN

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WORD-WATCHING

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EKISTICS
(b) The science of human settlements, ekistics collates the relevant information from many disciplines, including economics, anthropology, social sciences, urban planning. Coined by the Greek architect C. A. Doxiadis from the Greek for "to inhabit" in 1970.

SAPPAN
(c) A dye wood yielding a red dye, from trees belonging to the genus *Caesalpina*, from the Malay *sapang*: "Great store of sappan from the Indies is also aboard."

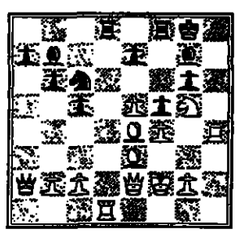
FINGAN
(b) A small porcelain coffee-cup without a handle, used in Egypt and the Levant, from the Arabic *finjan*: "The fingan is small and being without a handle is placed within another cup, of silver or brass."

AFRIT
(a) An evil demon in Arabian mythology, from the Arabic *ifrit* a demon: "Then the wicked afrit spake from the top of the tree with a voice like thunder and mother of thunder."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Tan — Pirc, Beverwijk 1963. White to play and win.



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 Breakfast News
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on Britain's prisons **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Gary Rhodes continues his exploration of British cuisine by preparing oxtails
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 The Family Ness** (r) **10.35 Homewise.** Anne Gregg's series on what's new in homecare and interior design (s)
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Family quiz show hosted by Mike Smith and Kate Copstick (s). Wales (to 12.20) Plaid Cymru Conference **11.30 People Today.** Includes *The Times*'s columnist Matthew Parris taking an irreverent look behind the newspaper headlines
12.20 Pebble Mill. Among Alan Titchmarsh's guests in the foyer today is *Trainer* star Mark Greenstreet **12.55 Regional news** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s)
1.50 Film: Ferry to Hong Kong (1961) starring Curt Jurgens and Orson Welles. Ponderous drama about a straightlaced Hong Kong ferry captain and a drunken stowaway who learn mutual respect during their struggle together to save the ship when it is hit by a storm. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. Wales: No Kidding 2.15 Look, Stranger 2.40 Plaid Cymru Conference
3.40 Cartoon 3.50 Pingu 3.55 Superbods. The first of a nine-part series taking a lighthearted look at the human body **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant.** Animated adventures of a young warrior (s) **4.35 Take Two.** A new series of the programme that goes behind the scenes of favourite children's programmes (s)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. Episode two of the 18-part children's drama set in a north-east youth centre. (Ceefax) (s)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The launch of this year's *Children in Need* appeal. The guests include Sue Cook, Anneka Rice, Brigitte Nielson and the Scottish band Wet Wet Wet (s)
7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. American comedy series based on the film *Bigfoot and the Hendersons*. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. This week, Roy Clarke's comic geriatric trio are finding it more difficult to climb the Yorkshire hills so Foggy, reluctantly aided by Compo and Clegg, *invents a way of bringing pleasure back* to walking in the Dales. (Ceefax) (s)
8.30 The Russ Abbot Show. This week's comedy sketches include a cockney version of *Casablanca*. (Ceefax) (s)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Casualty. Among the cases encountered this week by the medics of Holby city hospital is a road accident in which a young cyclist has to have an emergency amputation. (Ceefax) (s)

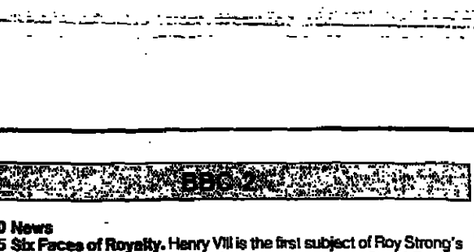


Defending sexually exploited women: Andrea Dworkin (10.20pm)

10.20 Omnibus: Against Pornography — the Feminism of Andrea Dworkin.
● CHOICE: Dworkin can't have many equals in the US as a passionate defender of the rights of sexually exploited women. In the 1960s, era of flower-power liberation movements, her attitude on pornography was that it is essentially a weapon of rebellion. Not any more. She now thunders away on platforms from which she views the pornographers as part of a system of technologised prostitution, and has a mountain of evidence from prostitutes to prove it. If she has one slogan which, more than any other, sums up her revised philosophy, it is probably this one: "I don't understand what the value of the women's movement is unless it is a fight for the lives of *all* women". Certainly few women's rights campaigners have so succinctly summed up the basic message of pornography: "No matter what you do to a woman, no matter how much you hurt her, she will like it." Northern Ireland: Johnny Logan and Friends 10.50 The Rose Trials
11.10 Snooker. Coverage of the Rothmans grand prix from Reading
12.10am Film: The Anniversary (1968) starring Bette Davis and Sheila Hancock. A black comedy about an eyepatched matriarch who rules her family with a rod of iron when they arrive to commemorate the anniversary of their father's death. Directed by Roy Ward Baker. Northern Ireland: Omnibus **1.40 Weather**

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Six Faces of Royalty. Henry VIII is the first subject of Roy Strong's series searching for the real character and personality of English kings in the way they are pictured (r)
8.30 Beneath the Pennines. Cameraman Sid Perou explores Pippikin Pot, a dangerous cave on remote Leck Fell (r)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures.** Reading for five to seven-year-olds (r)
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Snooker: action from the first two quarter-finals of the Rothmans grand prix from the Hexagon, Reading; Racing from Newbury: Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.20 races; Football: a review of the week's European club competitions. With **news** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
5.30 Top Gear. A repeat of yesterday's programme which looked at the new Peugeot 106 and the value of second hand BMWs
6.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's cult puppet series continues with the heroes going into action against the evil Hood who is up to no good in Australia (r). (Ceefax)
6.50 Supersense. Tonight, how animals make sense of the world. Final programme *in the brilliantly photographed series.(r). (Ceefax)*
7.20 Bilko (b/w) starring Phil Silvers as the resourceful sergeant. This week he is in heaven after discovering the one place in California *where gambling is legal (r)*
7.45 What the Papers Say. Mark Lawson of *The Independent on Sunday* berates the laziness of the press — taking their Monday lead stories from Sunday's television news
8.00 Public Eye: Tobacco — Smoke Without Fire? Peter Taylor investigates allegations of hypocrisy and double standards in the government's attitude to tobacco advertising and promotion



Surveying the landscape: Sir Michael Hordern (8.30pm)

8.30 Dream Gardens: Humphry Repton — Improving on Nature
● CHOICE: Thus far in Ian Keill's charming series of film essays, presented by Sir Michael Hordern, there has been nothing to suggest that these are the gardens of someone's dreams and everything to show that they are dreams of gardens, which is a different thing altogether. Repton was one of the 18th century's *greatest landscape "improvers". He abhorred straight lines* as much as Nature abhors a vacuum. Designing a drive to a stately home, he would set it meandering like the Thames, and if trees had been lined up to resemble guardsmen on parade, he would dot them hither and thither so that no two views of the house would be the same. Repton is credited with the first use of the expression landscape gardening. Probably *Dream Gardens* graphic designers Malcolm Dalton and Michael Graham-Smith can't claim first use of flesh-and-blood actors to animate characters in paint, but the results have rarely been as magical
9.00 Clochemerle. Episode four of Alan Galton's and Ray Simpson's nine-part adaptation of Gabriel Chevalier's comic novel about petty bureaucracy in rural France during the 1920s. Starring Roy Dotrice and Wendy Hiller, with Peter Ustinov narrating (r)
9.30 The Power and the Glory. The fourth in a 13-part history of motor racing examines the pioneers of the sport who pushed the top *speeds up from 20mph to more than 100mph. (Ceefax) (s)*
10.00 Have I Got News for You? Topical comedy quiz hosted by Angus Deayton. This week the regular team captains, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, are joined by Robert Harris of *The Observer* and John Wells (s)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron
11.15 Mystery Train introduced by Richard O'Brien begins at **11.20** with **The Night Stalker — the Zombie.** While investigating the victims of a vicious gangland war, Kolchak discovers that some of those murdered have been killed by someone who was thought dead
12.10am Film: I Was a Teenage Werewolf (1957, b/w) starring Michael Landon. Notorious B-movie about a delinquent teenager who is sent to a psychiatrist and receives treatment that brings out the worst in him. Directed by Gene Fowler
1.10 Winter Steele. Adventures of a motorcycling puppet
1.40 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones with another round of the quiz in which he *provides the answers and the contestants try to guess the questions* **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes fashion, hair and beauty tips and a visit to the world's largest costume department. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Rainbow. Children's series
12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in an Australian outback town (s)
2.20 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (r) **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades game show introduced by Michael Parkinson (s)
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** *Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital*
3.55 Raggy Dolls. Animated adventures of two rag dolls **4.05 Victor and Hugo.** *Cartoon antics of two incompetent French crooks* (s) **4.30 Knightmare.** Children's adventure game in which they have to solves puzzles set in a computerised dungeon **5.00 Cartoon** featuring Porky Pig
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Six O'Clock Live presented by Michael Aspel. The guests include Barry Manilow, cook Graham Kerr and comedian Bobby Davro. Followed by **LWT Weather 6.55 The Day.** Twenty-four crucial hours in the life of an ordinary member of the public
7.00 The $64,000 Question. Bob Monkhouse hosts another edition of the quiz game show with cash prizes (s)



Rivals: Johnny Briggs, William Roache, Amanda Barrie (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. *Will there be another twist in the Mike, Deirdre,* Ken and Alma combination? (Oracle)
8.00 You Bet! introduced by Matthew Kelly and Ellis Ward. This week's challenges involve balloons, songs by Queen, grass skiing and a life-size paper boat. The guest celebrities are Richard Noble, Anne Charleston and Pat Sharp (s)
9.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill. American courtroom drama series starring Sharon Gless as a public defender, this week discovering some uncomfortable facts about her late father. (Oracle) (s)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) *Weather* **10.30 LWT News** and weather *followed by* **The Day** (r)
10.40 The London Programme presented by Trevor Phillips. An investigation into a big fraud in London that has left thousands *homeless and cost taxpayers millions of pounds*
11.10 Rugby World Cup. A preview of the weekend's semi-finals at Murrayfield, between Scotland and England, and Lansdowne Road where *Australia and New Zealand will battle it out*
12.05am Married . . . with Children. American domestic comedy series (s)
12.35 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight. Continuing the dramatised account of the life and career of Elvis Presley (s)
1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. The controversial chat show host berates another selection of callers brave enough to ring in and suffer his diatribes (s)
2.05 American Gladiators. Trials of strength and strategy for both sexes
3.05 CinemAttractions. The latest news from Hollywood provided by Charlie Tuna
3.35 Raw Power. Rock videos (s)
4.35 Garrison's Gorillas. Second world war adventures of a group of irregular US Army soldiers on active duty in Europe, this week after the plans of a new Nazi homing torpedo
5.30 ITN Morning News *with Tim Nelson. Ends at* ***6.00***

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Great Grey Owl. A profile of the largest of the North American owls
12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's money market
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series from the United States
2.00 Art of the Western World. *The eighth of historian Michael Wood's* 19-part series exploring the history and development of Western art. Today's programme explores the sense of poetry and spectacle in 16th century Venice



Editor of a tabloid newspaper: Edward G. Robinson (2.30pm)

2.30 Film: Five Star Final (1931, b/w).
● CHOICE: There were good reasons why Mervyn LeRoy's drama about the gutter press caught the public imagination when first seen 60 years ago. For one thing, it reunited the director with Edward G. Robinson who had made a sensational appearance in LeRoy's gangster thriller *Little Caesar* the year before. For another thing, it was an adaptation of a stage play by Louis Weitzenkorn, *former editor of a New York scandal sheet that was every bit as* yellow as the newspaper that Robinson edits in the movie. And there was the presence in the supporting cast of a little-known *British-born actor about whom movie columnists were writing* excitedly because he was to play a monster in what was being talked of as a feast of horrors. His name was Boris Karloff. In *Five Star Final*, he plays a divinity student, expelled for drunkenness, and provoker of a double suicide
4.10 Spare Time (b/w). A 1939 Post Office film showing how workers in three different industries spend their spare time
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. *Quick-fire general knowledge quiz game* (s)
5.00 The Encircled Sea. The last in the ten-part portrait of the Mediterranean and the people who live around it explores man's *bond with the sea (r). (Teletext)*
5.30 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series
6.00 Roseanne. American domestic comedy (r)
6.30 Tonight With Jonathan Ross at the Ed Sullivan Theatre, New York, are Charles Grodin with music from Martika (s)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 First Reaction. Maria McErlane reviews Barry Manilow's London concert
8.00 Brookside. The identity of the killer of Sue and Daniel is revealed. *(Teletext) (s)*
8.30 Anton Mosimann — Naturally
● CHOICE: This picnic on board a Thames riverboat, thrown by the Swiss master chef for half a dozen of his friends and associates is quite unlike most of the al fresco meals that are our common lot. Not a sandwich in sight. No hard-boiled eggs. Not a can of beer. "The champagne's in the Rolls-Royce, and the dessert's in the Range Rover", he indicates to his guests before they embark with their food containers that are a cross between an elongated hat-box and a stove pipe. On board the *Windsor Belle*, enough main courses have been prepared to feed a small gourmet army: gazpacho served with tomato bread, spicy chick peas salad, swordfish *en brochette*, kebab of mushrooms, couscous with *prawns. And tomatoes stuffed with what we first hear as cats'* meat but which subsequently, and happily for all concerned, turns out to be crab meat. (Teletext)
9.00 Cheers. *American comedy series set in a Boston bar. In part one* of a two-part story Sam becomes jealous when it looks as if Diane is falling for his talented brother Derek (r). (Teletext)
9.30 Mushroom Magic. The fourth of Michael Jordan's six part series investigating the world of the delicious fungus (r). (Teletext)
10.00 Dream On. American comedy series. This week Martin (Brian Benben) mistakes a suicidal woman, who accidentally rings his number, for a sex-line caller. (Teletext) (s)
10.35 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Nicholas Ridley, MP, Richard Branson, Nicholas Breisgau and Mark Burgess
11.15 The Word. The first of a new series of the entertainment show presented by Terry Christian, Amanda de Cadenet and newcomer Katie Puckrik. The guests include Don Johnson and Bo Derek (s)
12.15am Ring My Bell. *A new type of phone-in programme. Viewers* can call on 071 261 3535 and speak to Judge James Pickles, Mary Whitehouse, Ronnie Spector and others
1.00 Tonight With Jonathan Ross *(r) (s). Ends at* ***1.25***

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 An Invitation to Remember (Phyllis Calvert) 5.10-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 The Young Riders 11.40 Rugby World Cup 91 12.35am-1.00 Stephen King's This is Horror

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40-11.10 Cobblestones, *Cottages & Castles 12.05am-1.05 In the* Heat of the Night 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie on a Budget" 5.25-5.30 Run DMC

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Magic Wok 5.10-5.40 This is America, Charlie Brown 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10-1.05 Rugby World Cup '91 2.10 Film: Van Nuys Blvd 3.50 The Hit Man and Her 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The New Chief Rabbi 5.10-5.40 Voyager 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Granada Up Front 11.40 Rugby World Cup 91 12.35am-1.05 Married...with Children 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie on a Budget" 5.20-5.30 Run DMC — In Profile

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm The Young Doctors 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.30 *HTV Sportsweek 10.40-11.10 Songs of* the Forest

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Special Report 10.40-11.40 The House That Time Forgot

SCOTTISH
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40-11.10 Scotsport Extra Time 12.05am NB 12.35-1.05 The Twilight Zone 2.05 Film: Give My Regards to Broad Street 4.05 America's Top Ten 4.35 Superboy 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Sullivans 3.55-5.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.40 Magnum 11.40 Rugby World Cup 91 12.35am-1.05 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie on a Budget" 5.20-5.30 Profile of Run DMC

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.50-7.00 Police 5 10.40-11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05am-12.35 The Making of the Commitments

TYNE TEES
As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 A Word In Your Ear 10.40 Prendergast Is Sinful 11.10 Points of Order 11.40 Rugby World Cup 91 12.35am-1.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie on a Budget" 5.20-5.30 *Run DMC In Profile*

ULSTER
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Check It Out 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Glenroe 10.40 Kelly 12.10am-1.05 Rugby World Cup 91 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie on a Budget" (Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake) 5.20-5.30 Run DMC In Profile

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55pm Graham Kerr 2.20-2.50 An Invitation to Remember (Lionel Jeffries) 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Who's Into... 10.40-11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05am-1.05 War of the Worlds 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein 2.40 Film: Anokhi Ada 5.20-5.30 Out of Limits

S4C
Starts: 6.00 C4 Daily 9.30am Schools 12.00 The Parliament School 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen-to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Faith, Hope and Clarity 2.30 Cynhadledd Plaid Cymru 91 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 My Two Dads 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Cyoli Gwesttam 9.45 Smwcr 10.20 Re-Play: First of the Dragonfly 10.35 Clive Anderson 11.15 The Word 12.15am Ring My Bell 1.00-1.25 Jonathan Ross

RTE 1
Starts: 12.10pm Oireachtas Report 12.30 Opening Nights 1.00 News 1.30 Fair Play 1.40 Kitchen Garden 1.55 The Heritage of the Guldesburgs 2.45 Mel Flanagan's Golf Mysteries 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Good Companions 5.30 The Sullivans 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Video File 8.00 Major Dad 8.30 Winning Streak 9.00 News 9.30 Late Late Show 11.35-12.40 News followed by Shannon's Deal

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.06 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Surgical Spirit 9.30 News followed by Film: Despair 11.30 Film: Tomorrow Never Comes 1.30am Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs. *Pepperpot 8.55 Playaboul 9.10 Cartoons* 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 Maude 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm *Barnaby Jones* 1.30 *Another World* 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One False Move 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 The Friday Fright Night Feature: Deranged (1974) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were The Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS *News* 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World. The Countryside Show 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were The Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS *News 12.30am Newsline* 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Holiday Destinations 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were The Days

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 California Girls (1985): A young man has an affair with the woman of his dreams 12.00 Rockula (1990): A teenage vampire is unable to lose his virginity
2.00pm Delta Fever (1987): A young man proves himself in a waterskiing competition
4.00 Club Med (1986): The amorous adventures of five holidaymakers
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Catch Me If You Can (1989): Matt Lattanzi stars as a drag racer
8.00 Best of the Best (1989): Kick-boxing drama. *Starring Eric Roberts and Philip Rae*
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Bad Dreams (1988). A teenage girl awakes from a 20-year coma and is *menaced by her former cult's evil guru*
11.20 Johnny Handsome (1989): Mickey Rourke stars as a small-time criminal
1.05am The Dead Pool (1988). Fifth in the *Dirty Harry series of films*
2.35 Patti Rocks (1988): Controversial road movie about a pair of male chauvinists
4.10 Cops Are Robbers (1990): Drama based on a true story about a team of *corrupt policemen. Ends at 5.45*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.*
6.15am Dr Strangelove (1964): Black comedy about a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the Soviet Union
8.15 Players (1979): Romantic drama set on the international tennis circuit
10.15 Maytime in Mayfair (1949): Starring Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding
12.15pm The Out-of-Towners (1970): A couple (Jack Lemmon, Sandy Dennis) embarks on a disastrous trip to New York
2.15 M.A.D.D. (1983): True-life drama about Candy Lightner, the mother who founded Mothers Against Drunk Driving
4.15 Asterix and the Big Fight (1989): Cartoon adventure
6.15 Chances Are (1989): A widow (Cybill Shepherd) discovers that her daughter's boyfriend (Robert Downey Jr) is the reincarnation of her dead husband
8.05 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989): Starring Harrison Ford
10.15 Dangerous Pursuit (1988): A woman tries to prevent the assassination of a politician. Starring Alexandra Powers
11.50 The Kiss (1988): A teenage girl learns that her aunt's kiss is capable of unleashing the family curse
1.30am Talk Radio (1989): Oliver Stone's adaptation of Eric Bogosian's one-man play about an acidic radio talk-show host
3.25 Thank God It's Friday (1978): Dance contest drama. Ends at 4.55

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 The New Leave It To Beaver 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's *Lucy* 6.30 "F" Troop 7.00 McHale's Navy 7.30 The Addams Family 8.00 Are You Being Served? 8.30 Bebes 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 *Here's* Lucy 10.00 In Living Color 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh-in

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 Red Line 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 European League Round-Up 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Torque 12.00 European League Round-Up 1.00pm The Midland Bank Tennis Championships 4.00 Netbusters 4.30 Assignment Adventure 5.30 Motor World 6.00 Superbouts 7.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 8.00 German League Football 8.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 11.00 Watersports World 12.00 *German* League Football 2.00am The Midland Bank Tennis Championships

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
2.00pm Football 3.30 Motorsport News 4.00 Basketball 6.00 Kick-Boxing 7.00 Track Action *Magazine 7.30 Dancing: Amateur* World Championship 8.00 Golf: UAP Open 9.00 Hang-gliding 9.30 Eurosport News 10.00 Live Boxing: Nelson v Tafer 11.30 Trans World Sport 12.30am *Eurosport News*

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 8.20 Golf Report 8.30 American College Football 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Supercross 11.00 World Series Baseball 1.00pm All Japan Sports Prototype 1.30 British Formula 3 Championships 2.00 Grand Prix Tennis de Lyons 3.00 Live Volvo PGA European Golf Tour (NB: The following programmes may be subject to delay) 5.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike 6.00 World Series Baseball 8.00 Golf 9.00 Gillette World Sport Special 9.30 Rugby World Cup 1991: Semi-final preview 10.30 Inside Track 11.30 Volvo PGA European Golf 12.30am *Motorboom Pro Box 1.30 British Formula 3* Championships 2.00 Camel Grand Prix of San Diego 3.00 Ladies Pro Bowlers 4.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 Simply Marvellous 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm Star Time 12.55 *Search for Tomorrow 1.20 The Rich Also Cry* 2.20 Lifestyle Plus 2.30 Pets and People 2.55 Power Hits USA 3.50 Tea Break 4.00 Dick Van Dyke 4.30 American Gameshows 5.25 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 6.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Charpentier (Incidental music, Andromède); Handel (Organ Concerto No 4 in F)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Berlioz (Overture, *Le Corsaire*); Brouwer (Retratos catalans); Kodály (Suite, Háry János)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week — Arnold and Williamson: Arnold. Overture, Peterloo (CBSO under the composer); Clarinet Sonatina (Gervase de Peyer, Gwenneth Pryor); Sarabande and Polka, Solitaire (LPO *under the composer*); Violin Sonata No 1 (Marcia Crayford; Ian Brown, piano); Flute Concerto No 2 (Richard Adeney; Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Thomas)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Berlioz (Royal Hunt and Storm, Les Troyens: Philharmonia under Von Karajan); Lully, arr D'Anglebert (Chaconne de Phaëton: Kenneth Gilbert, harpsichord), Bizet (L'Arlésienne Suite No 2: National Orchestra of Lille *under Casadesus*): Canteloube (La Delaissado: RLPO under Vernon Handley, with Jill Gomez, soprano); Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte: Julian Bream, guitar); Chausson (Poème, Op 25: BBC Welsh SO under Otaka, with Dong-Suk Kang, violin); Chabrier (Village Dance: Pierre Barbizet, piano); Canteloube (Bailero: RLPO under Casadesus, with Jill Gomez, soprano); D'Indy (Symphony on a French Mountain Song: Berne SO under Maag, with Michel Block, piano)
11.20 Concert from Sheffield: BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka performs Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 1 in D flat, Op 10: Hugh Tinney); Tchaikovsky (Francesca da Rimini); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor, Op 67)
1.00pm *News*
1.05 Manchester Chamber Music: Live from Studio 7. Catherine Bott, soprano, Geoffrey Gover, fortepiano, perform Schubert (Das Mädchen, Wie so innig, möcht ich sagen, D 652: Suleika 1 and 2, D 720/717); Schumann (Five *Songs, Op 40*; Die Soldatenbraut; Das Verlassene Mägdlein, Op 64 Nos 1 and 2; Mary Stuart Songs, Op 135); Schubert (Gretchen Am Spinnrade, D 118; Ganymed, D 544; Geheimes, D 719; Heidenröslein, D 257)
2.00 The Japanese Fair (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive: John Amis, *Desmond Shawe-Taylor*, Sir Michael Tippett and Lord Harewood discuss the pianist Noël Mewton-Wood. Beethoven (An die Ferne Geliebte: Peter Pears, tenor, Noël Mewton-Wood, piano); Tippett (Song-cycle, The Heart's Assurance: Peter Pears, tenor, Noël Mewton-Wood, piano); Walton (Violin *Sonata: Max Rostal, Mewton-*Wood)
4.10 Chilingirian String Quartet performs Schubert (Quartet in B flat, D 112); Prokofiev (Quartet No 2) (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, from the Highcliffe Hotel in Bournemouth. Lyndon Jenkins examines the history of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
6.30 Japan Season: Jazz Japan Style. Shunichi Satoh examines the influence on *Japanese musicians by* American groups during the 1950s and early 1960s
7.00 News **7.05** Third Ear
7.30 Maurizio Pollini: Live from the Festival Hall, London, the pianist plays Chopin (24 Preludes, Op 28). **8.10** Japan Season: Unbeaten Tracks in Japan, by Isabella Bird (3 of 4). **8.30** Debussy (Six Studies, Book 2); Stravinsky (Petrushka)
9.35 Japan Season: New Tales in the East. Christopher Cook considers the contemporary literary scene in Japan
10.20 Haydn (Symphony No 89 in F: Philharmonia Hungarica *under* Antal Dorati)
10.45 Japan Season: The Japanese Envoys. Fifth of six programmes. The Consort of Musicke under Anthony Rooley performs music by Wert and other contemporaries of the Duke of Ferrara, whose private music was one of the highlights of any cultural tour of Italy in the 1580s **11.30** News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Schumann *(r)*

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 *Desert Island Discs: Sue* Lawley's castaway is Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, director of the V & A museum (s) (r)
9.45 The Village: *Nigel Farrell* presents a series reflecting the life of Bentley, a small rural community in Hampshire (7 of 8)
10.00-10.30am Dear Diary (**FM** only)
● CHOICE: One day, perhaps, *my own teenage diary* ramblings describing the end of the war will get themselves into a series such as this. *Simon Brett, in the second of* eight programmes, returns to the war for some of his "on this day" diary entries with ordinary folk complaining in 1939 about rationing — "cheese in boxes has been elusive, bacon is very scarce." They rub shoulders with Elizabeth Fry on the Lake District, Noël Coward, James Boswell, Arnold Bennett and the king of them all, Samuel Pepys, caught out by his wife in yet another infidelity. *Fascinating stuff*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Numbers. Michael Hordern reads the second of nine parts
10.30 Woman's Hour, from Bristol. In today's programme, listeners *are invited to ring 0272 238600* to give their views on domestic violence. Lines open from 10-11.30am
11.30 The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm discovers how many species *of birds can be spotted in* London
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme: Sheila Dillon reports from Jamaica **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 *The Archers (r)* ***1.55*** *Shipping* Forecast
2.00 News; *Classic Serial: The* Personal History of David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens (6 of 10) (s) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: In a 17th century special, Nigel Forde peruses the pages of poetry and prose by women writers, the best-sellers of the 1670s and the *Brief Lives* of John Aubrey
4.00 *News*
4.05 Kaleidoscope looks at the poetry and painting at Dublin's Museum of Modern Art and meets the poet John Hegley (s)
4.45 Short Story: Mrs Mason, by Sheila Auguste. Last of five short stories by young writers as part of the Young Playwrights' Festival 1991 (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin *reports on a new super ferry* and the latest in in-flight entertainment
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Swindon by Jocelyn Barrow, deputy chairman, the Broadcasting Standards Council; John Patten, MP, minister of state at the Home Office; Alison Norman, chair of the Health Visitors Association; and Tony Banks, MP
8.50 *Law in Action: Marcel Berlins* takes a look at developments in the law
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Drama in Budapest (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Yoruba Girl Dancing, by Simi Bedford (3 of 5)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with David Tate and Sally Grace (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 The Professionals: Farmers. A view of different occupations as seen from the BBC sound archives (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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Major fights EC threat to working on Sundays

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major is to lead a cabinet effort over the next few weeks to stop the European Community imposing a 48-hour maximum working week throughout the member states.

The cabinet was warned yesterday by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, that the working time directive might be passed against Britain's wishes. It could also lead to Sunday becoming an official EC rest day.

The government fears that the plan could cost British industry £2 billion a year and cut the earnings of hundreds of thousands of workers who rely on overtime. The European Commission insists that the directive should be treated as a health and safety proposal, which means that under EC rules it would be dealt with by qualified majority voting. Britain is not isolated over the issue, but it would need the support of a larger country, such as Germany, France or Italy, to be sure of stopping the plan under the qualified voting system. All three are expected to support the plan. "We have allies, but it looks difficult for us," a ministerial source said.

The directive is due to be discussed by the EC's social affairs council early in December, only days before the critical Maastricht summit on economic and political union. The emmployment secretary is understood to have urged his cabinet colleagues to use every opportunity in their talks in Europe leading up to Maastricht to lobby their counterparts against the plan.

Britain has the highest overtime earnings in the Community and, according to government sources, the proposal would lead to "dramatic" reductions in take-home pay.

Ministers believe that Britain would have to go to the European Court if it fails in its argument that the directive does not fall within the remit of health and safety. They would not be optimistic about the outcome. The directive would have to be implemented pending the court outcome and the court's record suggests it would rule in favour of wider European competence, ministerial sources said last night.

The directive proposes a compulsory 36-hour rest period for all Community workers. The Germans, backed by Luxembourg and other countries, are proposing that the 36-hour period should include Sunday. The government fears the plan would threaten the jobs of thousands of Sunday workers and thwart its effort to liberalise Sunday trading.

The Germans favour the Sunday ban because traditionally there has been little Sunday working in Germany. The move is seen as an attempt to protect its competitive position because multinational companies would be more likely to set up factories in countries allowing 160-hour continuous working processes.

Skills programme, page 6

Parents told how to shop

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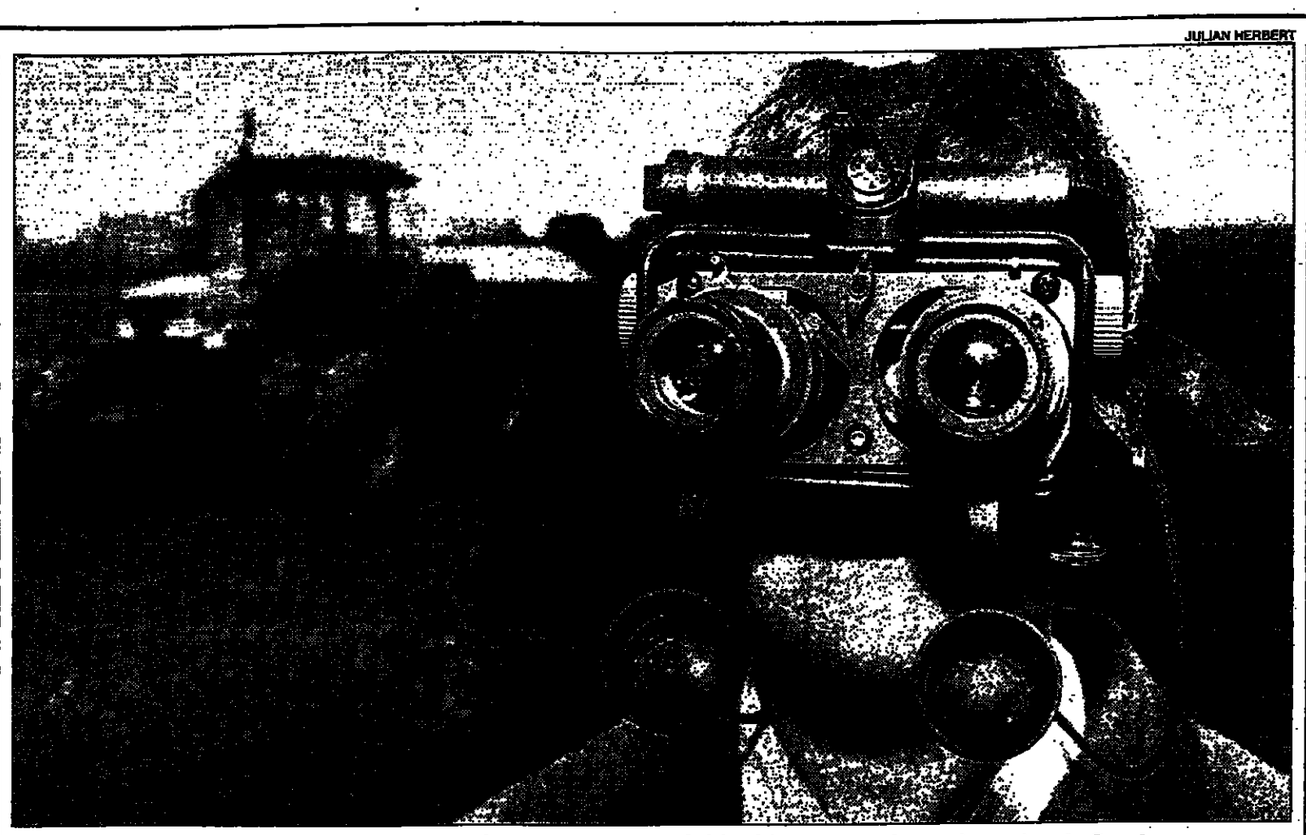
are usually aged 10 or more. Children's fashion ideas are gleaned from peers, advertising and television. Schools without uniforms tend to turn out more fashion-conscious children than those that have uniforms.

"Where my child goes to school, there is no uniform, so you get one child turning up in really nifty gear and my 11-year-old will go on and on until I get him something. He normally gets his own way," one mother said

Parents, however, do draw the line at expensive items. Children demanding fashionable training shoes costing £60 or more are not usually indulged. "Many parents said that if their child wanted an expensive item, they would be encouraged to put some of their own money towards the purchase. This has two effects: it teaches the children about basic economics, but it also makes them into discerning consumers, little adults," Ms Hughes said.

Children — The Influencing Factor 1991, Mintel, 18-19 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HE. £695.

JULIAN HERBERT



Seeing is believing: Chris Lieghton, an agricultural engineer, with a pair of night-vision goggles before sowing seed on the Stoughton estate

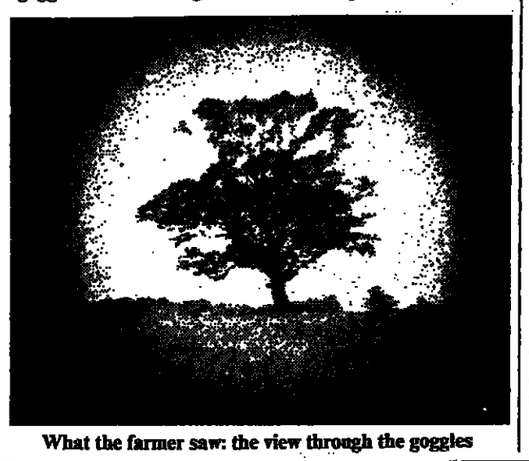
Keeping weeds in the dark

AN EXPERIMENT that could lead to a significant reduction in the use of herbicides in arable farming is taking place in Leicestershire (John Young writes). Workers using night-vision goggles cultivate the land and sow the seed at night in an attempt to reduce weed infestation.

Keith Preston, Midlands regional manager for CWS Agriculture, said yesterday the experiment had been inspired by an article in a German magazine which suggested certain weeds needed light to germinate, so fewer pesticides would be needed if cultivation and drilling took place in darkness.

The trial is being carried out on organically grown crops on 127 acres of the Stoughton estate, near Oadby. "We will have to wait and see if it works or if it is just another wacky idea. But you have got to look at what appear to be silly ideas because that is the way to push technology forward," Mr Preston said. The equipment is similar to that used in the Gulf war.

George Cussans, vice-president of the European Weed Research Society, said the article had appeared in a reputable magazine, *Naturwissenschaft*. The biological principle that some species of weed seed can be dormant for years but are activated by the briefest exposure to light is well known. The problem is that some species are more light-sensitive than others, so the response is unlikely to be consistent. There is also the risk that some species might become non-sensitive to light and able to germinate in the dark, he said.



What the farmer saw: the view through the goggles

Minister calls in doctors over NHS

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the health secretary, is planning to call in doctors' leaders to head off a new clash with the medical profession.

Family doctors, who have emerged as key allies of the government in his struggle with Labour over the health reforms, are threatening to turn against him over pay. They have been angered to discover that, according to their review body, they were overpaid by nearly £6,000 last year and that unless a compromise is reached they will have to pay back the money.

Mr Waldegrave, who regards their support as critical to blunting Labour's assault on the reforms, is prepared to examine concessions. Mr Waldegrave and cabinet colleagues have been heartened by the GPs' enthusiasm for the reforms and do not want to jeopardise this goodwill.

The health department said Mr Waldegrave would offer face-to-face talks with Dr Ian Bogle, the chairman of the general medical services committee of the British Medical Association. A spokesman said information needed to work out the precise overpayment would not be available until December. At that point a meeting was likely.

● **New poll:** Labour has taken a six-point lead over the Tories, according to a new opinion poll for *The Independent* and BBC2's *Newsnight*. The survey also shows twice as many people trust Labour on the health service.

Peter Riddell, page 16

Spy allegations author states his case to the press



Nick Davies: man in the middle of the storm

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arms." When Ben-Menashe faced prosecution in the southern district of New York over the sale of an Israeli aircraft, he had expected Mr Davies and possibly Mr Maxwell to give evidence.

However, Mr Maxwell had appointed lawyers David Zorno and Thomas Donn and neither were called. Questioned later by Mr Arnold as to whether he was suggesting Mr Maxwell was trying to "pervert the course of justice?", he replied: "I can't begin to put myself in to his mind or motives. All that happened was that Ben-Menashe expected Nick Davies to testify. Ben-Menashe's defence was simply that he was an Israeli agent."

Mr Hersh said he had spoken during the morning to Clarence Benjamin Kaufman, a name which appeared on one of the documents given to him by Miss Fielding, and said he was far more important than Mr Johnson.

According to Mr Hersh, Mr Kaufman vividly recalled Mr Davies with Mr Johnson in a hotel in Ohio in May 1985, the time when the *Daily Mirror* has unearthed his expenses to show he was not in America.

"He took photos of him and his wife Pat and a photo of him and Ari," he said, adding that they had been passed to the *Daily Mail*. Mr Kaufman had not met him before, but recalled it being a beautiful spring day and the pair of them going for a walk, both carrying AK47 guns.

George Galloway, Labour MP for Glasgow Hillhead, who repeated the book's claims in the Commons order paper, listened attentively and stood up to explain that he had acted because he regarded Mr Hersh as one of the world's most prestigious journalists. "If you are saying you stand by your story then I stand by my motion."

Mr Hersh, when asked about his allegation that Mr Davies was involved in disclosing Mordecai Vanunu's whereabouts while negotiating with *The Sunday Times* over the publication of his story about Israel's nuclear plant at Dimona, said: "I have Ben-Menashe's account that he asked Nick Davies to help him find Vanunu in two phone calls."

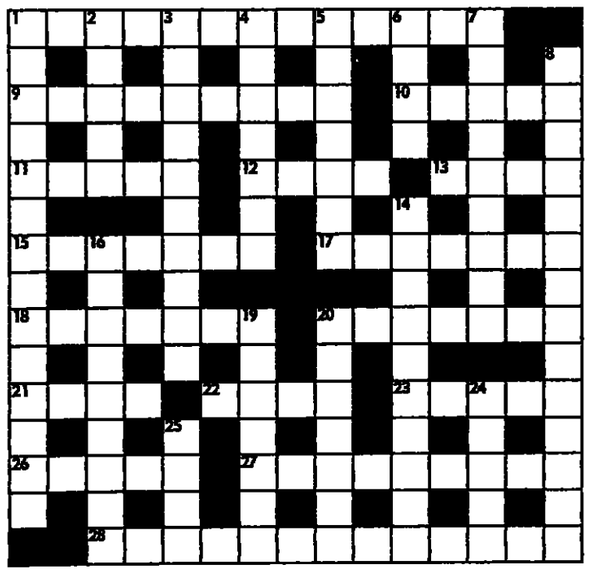
The man from the *Financial Times* asked if Mr Ben-Menashe was the only source of the allegation that Mr Davies was involved in disclosing Mr Vanunu's whereabouts to the Israelis.

"Yes," replied Mr Hersh. The reporter went on: "Ben-Menashe has been around for some time talking to a lot of people and his credentials have been discredited by a number of people."

Mr Hersh said he had at first made checks and found the results negative, but later found that Ben-Menashe's knowledge of certain operations was so extensive that he was forced to believe him.

Mr Lynas, rising to his feet, waived a copy of the book in the direction of Mr Hersh, and asked about the number of documents floating around which purported to link Mr Davies with arms sales and Israeli intelligence. Had he spoken to all the people named? Mr Hersh said he had spoken to about half. Mr Lynas said that none of the deals had taken place.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,746



ACROSS

1 Anglo-French bore (7,6).
9 Shore up masonry below screw (9).
10 Company back-up for fur producer (5).
11 A tribe rebuffed in the City (5).
12 Eastern proverb said he was the first Edomite (4).
13 Flower is the acme of perfection (4).
15 Vocally, knight's daughter seems in distress (7).
17 A new variety for such a blue flower (7).
18 Defies forbears (7).
20 Warn to fall back, being without clear round (7).
21 About to encounter swarm (4).
22 Way round a colonnade (4).
23 Kind of art right for scenery (5).
26 The proprietor, a fat individual, is inside (5).
27 Ticket for future use by artist under threat (4-5).
28 Loose file with quotations embodying happy expressions (13).

DOWN

1 Warning relation about a line from Matilda, for example (10,4).
2 Theologian in drink is unsound (5).
3 A devoted fan of the Mirror, say? (10).
4 Gifts distributed fr m huge liner (7).
5 European city with a slap-up buffet (7).
6 Spoon on top of trunk (4).
7 Artist's model, not a clerical character (3-6).
8 Game played by wasters — it's desirable to have bouncers (5,3,6).
14 Timid person frightened by unknown animal (10).
16 False confidence in motorway leading to second conviction (9).
19 Taking the mickey out of racist, I get roughed up (7).
20 Key player in a club perhaps (7).
24 Faith in firm in debt? Quite the opposite (5).
25 Matinée favourite left after one act (4).

Concise Crossword, page 19

Solution to Puzzle No 18,745

R	O	U	N	D	T	A	B	L	E		T	O	G	O
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W	I	L	D		G	R	A	N	N	Y	F	L	A	T

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

EKISTICS
a. Ice hockey sticks
b. The study of settlements
c. The science of making do

SAPPAN
a. A resin-gathering pan
b. A grass skirt for males
c. Brazil wood

FINGAN
a. A Celtic bard
b. A coffee-cup without a handle
c. A gannet colony

AFRIT
a. An evil demon
b. Frightened
c. A diacritic mark

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Overnight mist and fog patches slow to clear. Cloudy in all areas but brighter spells to the lee of higher ground. Patchy light rain near eastern and northern coasts of England and Scotland. Temperatures perhaps a little higher than yesterday, winds mostly light. Outlook: brighter periods will spread from the south. Patchy showers in southwest England later on Saturday, spreading northwards during Sunday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	f	Majorca	17	63	f
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Malaga	18	64	f
Alex'dria	13	55	s	Malta	23	73	f
Algiers	22	72	c	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Athens	21	70	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	30	86	s	Milan	12	54	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	13	55	s
Barcelna	16	61	s	Moscow	1	34	sn
Beirut	25	77	c	Munich	8	46	c
Belgrade	9	48	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	6	43	d	Naples	17	63	s
Bermuda*	27	81	s	N Delhi	29	84	s
Biarritz	14	57	s	N York*	18	64	s
Borde'x	11	52	s	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	11	52	c	Oslo	9	48	s
Budapst	7	45	f	Paris	11	52	c
B Aires*	19	66	s	Peking	18	64	s
Cairo	29	84	s	Perth	22	72	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Prague	5	41	r
Chicago*	23	73	s	Reykjavik	7	45	r
Ch'church	12	54	c	Rhodes	23	73	f
Cologne	10	50	c	Rio de J	29	84	s
C'plhagn	11	52	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
Corfu	18	64	f	Rome	17	63	s
Dublin	9	48	d	Salzburg	9	48	r
Faro	20	68	s	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Florence	15	59	s	Santiago*	26	79	s
Frankfurt	11	52	c	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Funchal	19	66	r	Seoul	16	61	f
Geneva	9	48	s	Stag'por	22	90	f
Gibraltar	17	63	c	St'kholm	5	41	f
Helsinki	1	34	f	Strasb'rg	10	50	f
Hong K	26	79	s	Sydney	21	70	c
Innsbrck	9	48	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Istanbul	12	54	f	Tel Aviv	26	79	f
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	c	Tokyo	19	66	c
Karachi	38	100	s	Toronto*	21	70	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Tunis	23	73	s
Le Touet	12	54	c	Valencia	15	59	r
Lisbon	16	61	s	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Locarno	12	54	s	Venice	13	55	s
London	10	50	c	Vienna	5	41	r
L Angels*	20	68	c	Warsaw	6	43	f
Luxembg	8	46	c	Wash'ton*	22	72	s
Luxor	28	73	s	Wel'rton	12	54	c
Madrid	13	55	f	Zurich	9	48	s

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.09
Austria Sch	21.40	19.90
Belgium Fr	62.68	58.65
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.80	11.05
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.98
France Fr	10.37	9.67
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	338.00	318.00
Hong Kong $	13.86	12.86
Ireland Pt	1.137	1.067
Italy Lira	2280.00	2130.00
Japan Yen	240.75	222.75
Netherlands Gld	3.42	3.20
Norway Kr	11.98	11.18
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.40
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.37
Switzerland Fr	2.655	2.485
Turkey Lira	8700	7900
USA $	1.80	1.675
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 7C (45F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.5	-	13	55	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Belfast	2.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Birmingham	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	10	50	dull
Bristol	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff	1.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	0.4	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Eastbourne	1.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.9	-	10	50	sunny
Exmouth	0.6	-	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	3.0	-	9	48	fog
Guernsey	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	0.01	10	50	dull
Jersey	4.0	-	14	57	sunny
Leeds	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Lerwick	0.2	0.01	9	48	drizzle
London	-	-	11	52	dull
Lowestoft	0.1	0.04	11	52	rain
Manchester	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Minehead	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	-	-	9	48	dull
Newcastle	1.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Newquay	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Nottingham	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Penzance	4.2	-	15	59	sunny
Plymouth	1.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Poole	-	-	10	50	dull
Prestwick	4.1	-	12	54	bright
Salcombe	2.8	-	13	55	bright
Sandown	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Scarborough	0.8	-	13	55	dull
Scilly Isles	7.9	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	-	-	9	48	dull
Southsea	-	-	10	50	cloudy
St. Ives	2.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.01	10	50	dull
Swanage	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	0.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Wick	0.1	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Worthing	-	-	10	50	cloudy

Wednesday's figures are latest available

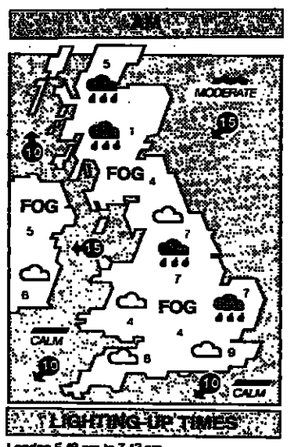
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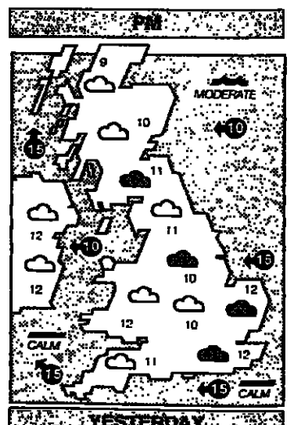
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AM



PM



LIGHTING UP TIMES

London 5.48 pm to 7.43 am
Bristol 5.56 pm to 7.52 am
Edinburgh 5.49 pm to 8.06 am
Manchester 5.52 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 6.12 pm to 8.01 am

Sun rises: 7.41 am
Sun sets: 5.48 pm
Moon sets: 10.29 am
Moon rises: 6.28 pm
Last quarter October 30

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun. 24hr to 6pm, nil.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	11	52	r
B'rmingham	9	48	c	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	8	46	c	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	10	50	c	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	9	48	c	M'nchster	8	46	r
Edinburgh	7	45	c	Newcastle	9	48	o
Glasgow	6	43	c	R'nldsway	11	52	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 6C (43F). highest rainfall: Lowestoft, Suffolk and Cape Wrath, northern Scotland, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 7.9 hr.

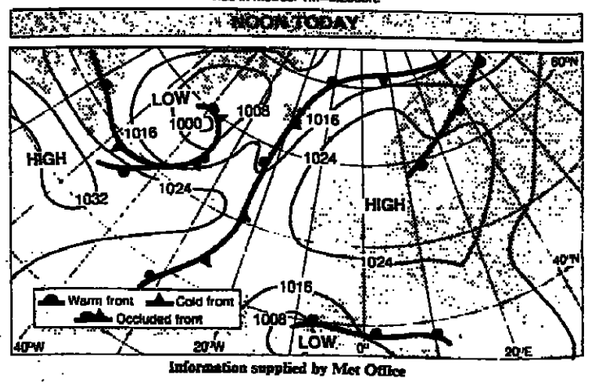
HIGH TIDES*

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.28	7.2	3.42	7.4
Aberdeen	2.42	4.4	3.11	4.3
Avonmouth	8.59	13.5	9.19	13.4
Belfast	12.16	3.5	12.40	3.5
Cardiff	8.43	12.4	9.04	12.4
Devonport	7.05	5.6	8.08	5.4
Dover	12.18	6.7	12.34	6.9
Falmouth	7.20	5.4	7.38	5.2
Glasgow	2.32	4.8	2.48	4.9
Harwich	1.29	4.1	1.42	4.2
Hollyhead	11.58	5.7		
Hull	7.57	7.8	8.19	7.4
Ilfracombe	7.38	9.4	8.00	9.4
King's Lynn	8.04	6.9	8.29	6.7
Leith	4.05	5.7	4.35	5.6

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	12.39	9.7	12.57	9.5
Lowestoft	11.09	2.6	11.37	2.5
Margate	1.28	4.9	1.34	5.0
Milford Haven	7.55	7.1	8.16	7.1
Newquay	6.45	7.1	7.06	7.1
Oban	7.15	4.1	7.43	4.2
Penzance	6.48	5.7	7.08	5.5
Portland	8.48	2.4	9.21	2.3
Portsmouth	12.44	4.8	1.02	4.9
Shoreham	12.35	6.2	12.56	6.3
Southampton	12.20	4.6	12.38	4.7
Swansea	7.56	9.8	8.20	9.8
Tees	5.06	5.8	5.33	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.21	4.3	1.34	4.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

BUSINESS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

WEEKEND MONEY TOMORROW

PROFILE



Chris Wright, chairman of Chrysalis, the record, video and television production firm, remains shy although he has been in the entertainment industry since the age of 14. He talks to Carol Leonard

FIXED TERMS

When is a guarantee worth less than it appears? As interest rates fall and savers switch accounts for a higher return, Sara McConnell looks at fixed-term bonds

TAX RELIEF

Tax reliefs worth billions of pounds a year come under the scrutiny of Lindsay Cook. State money is available to cut the cost of many investments

Watered down

Strong criticism of the government's training programme, by the Institute of Personnel Management, was significantly watered down before the institute produced its training white paper.

IPM conference, page 26

£70m NT sale

National Transcommunications, the transmission and engineering business of the independent broadcasting sector, has been sold by the government for £70 million to a new company backed by Mercury Asset Management and chaired by Arthur Walsh, former chairman and chief executive of STC. The price is short of the £100 million-plus the business had been hoped to fetch.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7110 (+0.0040)

German mark
2.9087 (–0.0017)

Exchange index
90.3 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1936.6 (–29.5)

FT-SE 100
2528.3 (–32.8)

New York Dow Jones
3020.57 (–20.35)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24949.26 (+149.32)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Sothebys	675p (+12p)
Eurotherm	310p (+10p)
Hicking Pentecost	103p (+16p)
Tibbet & Britten	518½p (+10p)

FALLS:

Commercial Union	463½p (–10p)
Unilever	795p (–19p)
Tomkins	396½p (–13p)
Royal	305½p (–17p)
Greycoat	121p (–18p)
Invergordon Distl	264p (–11p)
Highland Distl	295p (–10p)
Bass	961p (–22p)
Caird Group	96½p (–24p)
Tilbury Group	610p (–10p)
RMC Group	562½p (–10p)
Berkeley Group	267½p (–10p)
Attwoods	129p (–48p)
Cadbury-Schweppes	405p (–10p)
Northern Foods	548½p (–14p)
United Biscuits	386½p (–10p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10⁹⁄₁₆-10½%
3-month eligible bills 10⁵⁄₃₂-10¹⁄₃₂%
US: Prime Rate 6%
Federal Funds 5⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.99-4.97%*
30-year bonds 100⅝-100¹⁵⁄₁₆*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1.7100	£: $1.7130*
£ DM2.9087	$: DM1.6982*
£ SwFr2.5470	$: SwFr1.4880*
£ FFr9.9274	$: FFr5.8005*
£ Yen224.35	$: Yen131.10*
£ Index 90.3	$: Index:64.8
ECU £0.704050	SDR £0.794561
£: ECU1.420353	£: SDR1.258556

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $359.80 pm-$361.00
close $361.10-361.60 (£210.90-211.40)
New York:
Comex $363.55-364.05*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) ... $22.10 bbl ($22.20)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.6 September (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

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Rising confidence backs cabinet claims

End to recession in sight says chamber survey

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government received strong support for its claims of an economic recovery yesterday. An industrial survey from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce shows a large rise in business confidence and indicates that the recession is coming to an end. The results of the survey will please cabinet ministers, who have long insisted that recovery will begin in the second half of the year.

The Treasury welcomed the findings of the survey, but struck a note of caution about the scale of the improvement in confidence being reported by local chambers. Treasury officials also noted that the still relatively new ABCC survey did not yet have the economic track record of the CBI's industrial trends survey, which will be published next week. This is also expected to report an improvement in business confidence.

The surge in confidence recorded by the chambers is significant because, of the large-scale business surveys, the chambers' survey has been among the most consistently pessimistic. But chambers' officials acknowledged yesterday that the statistical skewing of the survey towards medium and smaller businesses could mean that the relatively optimistic picture it was painting might not reflect fully the harder circumstances still being faced by large industrial companies, such as those in construction.

Even so, Miles Middleton, the ABCC president, said: "There is an enormous increase in confidence – everywhere businesses are confident about their future. We are still in the recession, but we are coming out of it."

The ABCC survey of 7,636 companies, 4,340 in the service sector and 3,296 in manufacturing, is the sixth in a row from the chambers showing that British industry is in recession, but continues the improvement in economic performance registered in the survey covering the previous quarter. The rate of decline in domestic activity has slowed significantly, and in some regions is starting to grow.

A "more benign economic climate", falling interest rates and a downward movement in inflation have led to a significant improvement in confidence over the three months to end-September.

Confidence among manufacturers has more than doubled since the last ABCC survey. The balance of manufacturers – those seeing an improvement set against those still seeing a decline – confident about improving turnover rose from 20 to 47 per cent. Confidence about improved profitabilty rose from 3 to 29 per cent.

Similar marked increases in confidence were also recorded among companies in the service sector, with optimism about turnover rising from 26 to 42 per cent, and in profitability from 8 to 29 per cent. Manufacturing confidence is highest in Yorkshire, and in Wales in the service sector, with manufacturing confidence leaping in London from 9 to 57 per cent.

Improved confidence has yet, however, to feed through into better home orders, which are still declining, though less sharply. Manufacturing balances on orders are up from minus 26 to minus 22 per cent, and in services from minus 17 to minus 12 per cent. But the improvement is regionally patchy, with orders in Scotland, the Northwest and Yorkshire worsening.

Chambers' economists suggested yesterday that the patchy picture of home orders and the improving performance of manufacturing exporters meant that any recovery was likely to be export-led.

Investment plans are being revised downwards by fewer companies now than in the second quarter, but employment levels are not only continuing to fall rapidly but look set to carry on doing so.

Regionally, the ABCC said there was something of an East-West divide, with the Northeast, East Anglia and the East Midlands faring better than western regions. London, the northern home counties and the West Midlands are continuing to bear the brunt of the recession.



"Enormous increase in confidence": Miles Middleton



Target of speculation: Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, whose shares tumbled

Hanson sale rumour hits ICI

By MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in ICI tumbled 50p at one stage yesterday as the stock market was swept by rumours that Hanson had sold its 2.8 per cent stake. The rumours were subsequently held to be without truth, but ICI still ended 39p lower at £12.48.

There were suspicions that the fall marked the second bear raid in as many days, following a similar sharp decline in the shares of Associated British Foods on Wednesday on whispers that were also without foundation.

Hanson has a policy of not commenting on market rumour, but dealers were convinced that the shares had not been sold. Fewer than a million shares went through the market yesterday. Hanson's holding is 20 million.

Lord Hanson took the stake at £11.67 in May, prompting suggestions that he might make a full bid. The market has since been swept with speculation that the industrial conglomerate may decide to walk away and take profits.

The rumours that the shares had been placed started around lunchtime, and the shares went into an immediate decline.

Dealers said the shares' failure to recover reflected the fragile nature of the equity markets. The FT-SE 100 Index yesterday dropped an additional 32.8 points to 2,528.3, with the shares of many blue chip companies falling.

Brokers said it was the perfect market for a bear raid. The account is coming to an end, dealers are nervous about prospects for two big rights issues from British Aerospace and Asda, while Wall Street is also showing a decline.

The rumours that Hanson was selling out were embellished by suggestions that Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, had put out a sell note on ICI. But BZW said a paper sent out to clients this week was a standard note and did not indicate a downgrading.

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Attwoods in £80m cash call to reduce gearing

By MARTIN BARROW

ATTWOODS, the waste management group, has asked shareholders to waive Laidlaw's obligation to make a full bid for the company should its shareholding rise above 30 per cent following yesterday's deeply discounted £80 million rights issue.

Laidlaw, the Canadian transport group, has agreed to subscribe for its full entitlement in respect of its 29 per cent shareholding and to sub-underwrite a further 33 per cent of the issue, a move designed to counter widespread institutional opposition to the cash call.

As a result, Laidlaw's shareholding could rise to 43.2 per cent, and under existing takeover rules the company would be obliged to make an offer for the rest of the shares.

However, an application has been made to the takeover panel to waive this obligation, subject to shareholders' approval. Such a move would also give Laidlaw the authority to increase its shareholding by up to 2 percentage points a year without making a general offer to other shareholders. Laidlaw will receive £458,000 in respect of its sub-underwriting commission of 1.75 per cent.

Attwoods is offering nine new shares for every 25 held at 100p a share, raising funds to reduce gearing and repay short-term borrowings as a prelude to refinancing talks with its main bankers. Existing shares, which peaked at 259p in April, slumped from 175p to 129p after returning from suspension.

Ken Foreman, chairman, said gearing would fall from 86 per cent to 19 per cent after the issue. The company, which has not been adverse to issuing shares to fund acquisitions, has promised to curtail expansion and said it would not issue further shares without shareholder approval.

The company also confirmed the resignation of Michael Ashcroft, the chairman of ADT, and Fred Edwards, as directors.

Attwoods announced profits up 35 per cent to £38.7 million for the year to the end of July, with earnings up 4 per cent to 13.04p a share. A final dividend of 3.25p increases the payment from 4.75p to 5p.

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Hawker attacks BTR accounting policies

By COLIN CAMPBELL

HAWKER Siddeley, defending itself against a £1.5 billion share/cash bid from BTR, yesterday attacked BTR's acquisition accounting policies, saying they have bolstered its financial record and that the company's accounting practices have been changed "to convenient effect".

Hawker Siddeley urges its shareholders not to bail BTR out of its problems and says that BTR's management tactics are wrong for Hawker Siddeley, adding that shareholders should reject BTR's bid.

BTR replied that Hawker Siddeley's document was "a weak effort to distract shareholders from a poor defence and a good offer" and that its accounting policies had never been secret and had always been open and clear.

BTR is offering 108 BTR shares, plus £284.20 in cash, for every 100 shares in Hawker Siddeley, with the alternative of an all-cash offer of 700p per Hawker share. Hawker Siddeley's shares traded at 730p, down 1p. BTR's shares traded at 382p, down 3½p.

Hawker Siddeley said that BTR needs to make a big acquisition, however ill-judged, but that Hawker Siddeley is not the right company for BTR.

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Morton rejects TML round-table scheme

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Alastair Morton, the chief executive of Eurotunnel, yesterday rejected proposals for a round-table meeting under an independent chairman to break the deadlock over cost overruns between the Channel tunnel developer and its contractor, Transmanche Link.

Peter Drew, chairman of Taylor Woodrow, one of the ten contractors operating under the TML umbrella, put the idea to Sir Alastair in a letter made public yesterday.

Mr Drew's suggestion came in the wake of a pledge from Peter Costain, of the Costain group, another TML partner, that the contractors would not walk away from the project.

In a letter to Mr Drew, however, Sir Alastair insisted that detailed negotiations over an additional £810 million claimed by the contractors for fixed equipment in the tunnel must take place through existing channels. Eurotunnel disputes the form of the claim and says most of it has not been substantiated.

However, Sir Alastair said he was heartened by remarks from TML members indicating their desire to "negotiate a way forward." He added: "You do not need an escort to come in for a chat, Peter."

The letters appear to confirm signs of a willingness to talk constructively among both parties after weeks of intensifying hostility.

Battle lines drawn at Aberfoyle

By JON ASHWORTH

THE City of London can rarely have seen anything like it – a cast of characters including a Ghanaian millionaire, a new recruit to the Hanson board, and a man who was once jailed for attacking the home of a synagogue official with a hand grenade.

A new television soap opera? Tom Stoppard at his best? Not a bit of it. The scene was the Chartered Insurance Institute, where shareholders in Aberfoyle, the trading group that operates in Zimbabwe, gathered yesterday to decide the company's future.

A group of dissident shareholders hoped to unseat the board and revive the company's flagging fortunes. The rebels had the backing of Kojo Owusu-Nyantekyi, a former Ghanaian dentist, whose company, Crescent Africa, has a 26 per cent stake in Aberfoyle. Among the battle-weary directors who took their seats facing the worried investors was David Hardy, chairman of the Docklands Development Corporation and newly elected member of the Hanson board. Mr Hardy had the worldly air of someone who had seen it all before. Next to the takeover battle for Globe Investment Trust, of which he was chairman until the Coal Board won the day, this was a mere tiff.



Hardy: battle experience

Barry Trowbridge, the rebel leader, who once ran a waste management company, was ready for battle. Aberfoyle was going nowhere fast. The results were appalling. The Mwenezi project, set up in 1985 to produce palm oil, was "bleeding the company dry". Mr Trowbridge had the solution. Bring in a new board and undertake a financial review. Short-term finance had been arranged and two companies were keen to inject new capital.

The sparks began to fly. Where were the funds? Who was behind the companies? A man sporting tinted sunglasses and wearing a well-cut suit joined the attack. He and his companies, he said, spoke for 3 per cent of Aberfoyle shares. He thought the board should remain. The directors had found a valuable ally in Nicholas van Hoogstraten, the property developer who was jailed for four years in 1967 after the grenade attack.

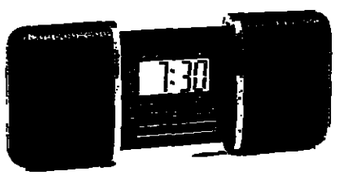
Mr van Hoogstraten, who lives in a £4.5 million mansion in Sussex, was the subject of an ITV *World in Action* documentary over harassment of tenants. His worth is estimated at £40 million. His Zimbabwe interests include a holding in Willoughby Consolidated, a goldmine and cattle company.

The dissidents had a letter of support from Joshua Nkomo, the Zimbabwean vice-president. "People who are familiar with Zimbabwe will know the value of that," said Mr van Hoogstraten.

Both sides claimed victory, for now. Shareholders must await the next instalment.

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US job and order figures undermine hopes for recovery

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE fragility of the recovery in America was underlined by official figures that showed a sharp rise in claims for unemployment benefit and another drop in orders to industry for higher priced durable goods.

The disappointing data reinforced the picture of weak and patchy recovery painted by the Federal Reserve's regional banks on Wednesday in the latest regional survey.

Wall Street economists saw the fall in durable goods undermining the widespread view that manufacturing was leading the economy out of recession and increasing the likelihood of an early cut in American interest rates.

The Bush administration, which faces an election next year, has been pressing for lower interest to ensure that the recovery does not start to falter and to boost the president's poor ratings for his handling of the economy.

The economics team at Chase Investment Bank said the Fed survey showed a "fairly gloomy picture of an economy struggling out of recession, with confidence remaining very low".

Reports of a slowdown in manufacturing in some regions has reawoken fears that the economy could stall, instead of maintaining it slow climb.

The American motor industry has reported a 17.6 per cent slump in sales this month, raising the spectre of production having to be reined back again soon, dragging allied industry with it.

News of the 3.2 per cent fall in durable goods orders in September, after a revised drop of 4.1 per cent in August, plus a 29,000 jump in jobless claims in the week to October 12, pushed the dollar half a pfennig lower, amid growing market expectation of the Fed easing credit.

The August fall in durable goods was initially given as 3.9 per cent.

A move to lower American rates, possibly after the next labour market figures, could encourage a cut in the Japanese discount rate, despite the resistance of Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan.

The fall in orders was partly attributed to a large decline in demand for defence equipment, aircraft and transportation goods. But the underlying picture has provoked concern that this widely-used gauge of economic health is starting to display worrying signs of a downturn in demand in the months ahead.

Excluding the volatile defence sector, durable goods orders rose 1.1 per cent last month, a sharp slowdown from the encouraging 5.6 per cent rise seen in August.

☐ France and several other creditors of indebted Third World countries may back British proposals to forgive much of the debt owed by 20 of the poorest countries, senior British government officials said.

They said the so-called Trinidad terms for debt relief received an excellent hearing at a meeting of the Paris Club of creditor nations in Paris on Wednesday.

Last week, John Major said Britain was ready to act unilaterally and write off up to $775 million in debt, owed primarily by Zambia, Tanzania and Guyana, if it did not win backing from the Paris Club.

But officials said yesterday that they did not think unilateral action would be necessary.

"That won't happen. We have enough people signing up to be sure it won't be us alone," a senior official said.

☐ Net receipts of British building societies rose to £265 million last month from £188 million in August.

The continuing low rate of savings was due to falling interest rates and the second call on shareholders in the electricity distribution companies, the Building Societies Association said.

Gross mortgage advances, at £3.5 billion, were nearly 10 per cent lower than in August but were £200 million higher than the previous September. Net new commitments increased to £3.4 billion from £3.3 billion in August.

Germany leaves rates unchanged

THE Bundesbank left its key lending rates unchanged after regional data showed the cost of living slowing in the month to mid-October to an annual 3.3 per cent in North Rhine-Westphalia and 3.7 per cent in Baden-Württemberg.

In August, annual inflation in the two states was 3.8 per cent and 3.9 per cent respectively.

Nationwide inflation figures are due next week.

But central bank anxiety about a renewed pick-up in inflation, accelerating money supply growth, high wage demands and the ballooning public sector deficit are still expected to prompt a tightening of the monetary reins by the end of this year.

Deutsche Bank, Germany's leading bank, has forecast that inflation will rise to an annual 5 per cent next year.

The Bundesbank said its M3 money supply measure grew at an annualised 4.6 per cent last month, up from 4.2 per cent in August, which had been revised from an initial 4.1 per cent.

The Bundesbank has said it is aiming for the bottom half of an M3 target growth range of 3 to 5 per cent. But Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, said last week that M3 growth could move closer to 5 per cent.

For the British government, the concern in the coming months is that an increase in German interest rates could force Britain to follow suit.

In London, the Treasury clarified a report, which had unsettled the City, that John Maples, economic secretary to the Treasury, had said there was no scope for further cuts in British interest rates.

It said Mr Maples had stated that Britain had cut interest rates several times and the differential between British and German interest rates had narrowed, making it "more difficult" to cut interest rates.



Fundraiser: Maddrell will promote share ownership

Ex-Tootal chief to head shares drive

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

GEOFFREY Maddrell, the former chief executive of Tootal, has been appointed chief executive of the body created to promote wider share ownership.

Mr Maddrell has pledged to develop revenue-earning businesses for the new organisation to secure its long-term financial stability.

He said: "We are looking to create a wider shareholder base in this country instead of the 60 or so fund managers who presently control industry."

One of his first tasks will be to decide on a name for the group, which is being developed under the working title of the Share Ownership Movement and is designed to succeed and financially improve on the Wider Share Ownership Council next year.

The movement is being backed by the Confederation of British Industry, the government and the London Stock Exchange, which have provided £3 million towards the first three years of operation.

The group will also take over the Stock Exchange's investor research and education unit.

Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former chairman of ICI, and Sir Peter Thompson, the former chairman of NFC, have already agreed to be the movement's president and chairman respectively. Mr Maddrell said he would try to earn revenue by advising companies on employee share ownership schemes and individuals on share ownership.

He said: "We want to develop a sort of RAC club for the private investor."

British Steel prices set to rise

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Steel is to raise prices for flat-rolled products, accounting for almost half its output, by 5 per cent from January 1 next year.

The company is following the lead of Usinor-Sacilor, the French group, in an effort to reverse two years of decline, during which UK market prices for hot-rolled strip, a key product, are reckoned to have fallen by 28 per cent to £180 a tonne.

Increases in prices for flat-rolled products will have a knock-on effect on costs throughout British industry. Manufacturers will strenuously resist reductions in the rebates they have enjoyed for the past two years. But the combined might of British Steel and Usinor, which together dominate the UK steel market, may be sufficient to make the rises stick, particularly if German steel makers, the other main UK suppliers, follow suit.

British Steel says the price increase is necessary to compensate for rises in the cost of imported coal and ore, priced in dollars, which will go up by around 15 per cent early next year as its currency hedging cover runs out. The company also gave a warning that extra income is needed to maintain its £150 million a year investment programme.

European and American markets for steel have been dogged by over-capacity and declining prices. Analysis expect British Steel to declare a first half pre-tax profit of just £10 million next month. For the full year, to end-March 1992, John Graham at Warburg Securities is predicting a pre-tax loss of £120 million after £100 million of exceptional provisions to cover an expected 10,000 job losses.

British Steel insisted that the effort to raise prices did not coincide with any signs of a market upturn. Rather, the company was determined to recover costs and try to improve its profit margins. "We are no longer prepared to go on at the margins we are getting at the present time," said a spokesman. "We cannot do that and maintain our investment programme."

Leading American steel groups raised prices by 5 per cent on October 1.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sydney court grants brief reprieve to Bond

ALAN Bond, the businessman, has won at least three weeks reprieve over a bankruptcy action after a last-minute extension was granted in the federal court in Sydney. He was due to pay Aus$244 million (£112 million) to a syndicate of banks by today or face bankruptcy, but the court granted him an extension on the deadline pending the hearing of an appeal against the Aus$244 million judgment last month.

The court on Wednesday granted a stay of execution and set down his appeal for November 18 and 19. The banking syndicate led by HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation served a bankruptcy notice in September after gaining a judgment that Mr Bond was liable to pay the debt because of guarantees given last year.

Income up at Colorgen

THE recovery continued at Colorgen, the USM-quoted computerised colour matching systems company in Massachusetts. The group unveiled pre-tax income ahead to $378,000 in the year to end-June, up from $18,000 last time, on sales of $9.35 million ($5.06 million). Income per share rose from 0.1 to 2 cents. Once again there is no dividend.

RMT closes subsidiary

RMT Group, the USM company whose shares were suspended at 4¼p on Wednesday, has placed its sole trading subsidiary, a computer consumables supplier, in liquidation. The company said the move had been forced on it by a "significant downturn in trading and margins over the past few months, resulting in losses".

Jarvis cuts dividend

JARVIS, the construction and property group, is another casualty of the deep recession in the construction industry. The company has cut its interim dividend from 0.825p to 0.25p after pre-tax profits collapsed from £708,000 to £71,000 in the six months to end-June. This was despite a surge in turnover from £61 million to £34 million, thanks to acquisitions.

Harvey Bard, chairman, said that trading conditions were "considerably worse than had been anticipated". Earnings per share tumbled from 2.6p to 0.3p. However, Mr Bard said that important construction contracts had been awarded in recent weeks. The shares lost 4p to 43p.

Profit slump hits Airflow

SHARES in Airflow Streamlines, the manufacturer of cabs for industrial vehicles and motor dealer, dived 34p to 100p after the firm passed its interim dividend (2p) following a slump in first-half profits. Pre-tax profits collapsed from £1.01 million to £5,000 in the six months to end-August. Turnover declined from £33.1 million to £31.9 million.

Income dives for Aberdeen

ABERDEEN Petroleum, the London-listed American oil and gas group, reported net income down from £234,000 to £7,000 for the six months to end-June. Earnings were 0.01p a share, against 0.45p. Turnover fell to £1.37 million (£1.53 million). Lower gas prices offset the benefit of higher average oil prices, leaving an operating profit of £100,000, against £279,000.

Hicking shares surge

SHARES in Hicking Pentecost, the textiles and specialist products group, rose from 87p to 104p in response to a 171 per cent increase in taxable profits. In the six months to the end of September, profits rose from £420,000 before tax to £1.14 million.

The company is doubling the interim dividend to 1.2p a share, payable from earnings of 7.19p a share (5.1p). In July, Hicking Pentecost raised £4.5 million via an open offer of five new shares for every seven existing shares held, at 72p each. An initial £1.75 million was spent on the purchase of Nicholson Plastics, a manufacturer of water tanks.

Outhwaite denies he caused 'biggest loss' to investors

By JONATHAN PRYNN

RICHARD Outhwaite, the Lloyd's underwriter accused of professional negligence by 987 names, has denied claims that he was responsible for the biggest loss by a single person in the history of the City of London.

Appearing in the witness box at the High Court for the first time in the case brought by the names, Mr Outhwaite said that "several other people" had cost investors much larger sums.

They included the entrepreneurs John Gunn, the former chairman of British & Commonwealth, Asil Nadir, the chairman of Polly Peck, and George Walker, the former chairman of Brent Walker, he said.

Even within Lloyd's, Mr Outhwaite said, at least six other syndicates had actually made larger losses in proportionate terms than his own syndicate, 317/661, which has lost a minimum of £260 million on its 1982 year of account.



Outhwaite: "lost less"

In pure cash terms at least one other syndicate had recorded losses "significantly in excess of the loss on my own syndicate," he said. This was the syndicate involved in the PCW affair of the early Eighties, the losses from which have been borne by the Lloyd's market as a whole.

Mr Outhwaite was responding to a claim made by Anthony Boswood, QC, counsel for the plaintiffs, in his opening address to the High Court.

Mr Outhwaite, appearing before Mr Justice Saville, also described how he and his family had been personally affected by the 1982 losses. He had had a £70,000 line and his wife a £30,000 line on the syndicate in 1982. With losses to the end of 1990 running at 466 per cent, Mr and Mrs Outhwaite have lost a combined £466,000.

Mr Outhwaite said that in addition he and his family are major shareholders in the RHM Outhwaite underwriting agency, which manages syndicate 317/661. The 1982 losses meant that the value of that shareholding had been "very substantially diminished," he said. When asked to quantify the fall in value, Mr Outhwaite replied: "We are talking about millions."

The case continues.

BCCI depositors join forces

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International from all over the world will assemble today at the Barbican Centre in London for the inaugural meeting of the BCCI Depositors' Protection Association.

The new association promises to become a powerful lobbying force to help BCCI's former depositors to recover their losses, which total $19 billion worldwide.

Until now, pressure groups of BCCI's depositors have tended to be small and relatively ineffectual. The latest association, by contrast, is backed by considerable funding. It has been formed by international clients of Richards, Butler, the City solicitors. All members have lost at least $35,000, while the association's committee members have each lost more than $500,000.

Most of the members are businesses and wealthy individuals who plan to use all the bargaining power at their disposal to win compensation. One of the committee members is the Arab Committee for Livestock Development, a quasi-governmental body owned by the Gulf states.

The association started work yesterday when Dr Adil Elias, its chairman, met Douglas Hogg, the foreign office minister who is planning to visit Abu Dhabi next week to discuss the BCCI affair with the Abu Dhabi government, the bank's main shareholder.

The association also plans to put pressure on the Federal Reserve Board in America in an effort to stop it fining BCCI, since this will further deplete the bank's resources to pay depositors.

NI job board report shows "good value"

THANKS to a more positive and forward looking management, particularly alert to export opportunities, manufacturers in Northern Ireland are weathering the current recession far better than in previous downturns, said Tony Hopkins, chief executive, NI Industrial Development Board, commenting on the publication of the IDB's annual report for 1990-1 (Robert Rodwell writes).

Studies show that the cost per job per year of all the jobs promoted by the board since its foundation, nine years ago, averages only £1,670 — "which is good value for money and a lot less than the cost to the exchequer of a person without a job, drawing the dole and not paying tax".

Although the recession had slowed up inward investment, with only 1,294 jobs promoted from inward projects compared with a target of 2,000, this was no worse than the IDB's competitors had suffered, Mr Hopkins said.

For the first time the IDB has revealed figures on the number of promised jobs converted into actual jobs and shows it has recorded a rate of 79 per cent, which Hopkins considers high and in excess of that achieved by other regional agencies.

CWS to issue warning

By DEREK HARRIS

THE Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), the supplier to Britain's 70 retail co-ops and itself a large retailer in London, the Northeast and Scotland, saw first-half trading profits rise 35 per cent. However, this sign of continued better fortunes was linked with a warning about the year as a whole.

Sir Dennis Landau, the CWS chief executive, is due to address a CWS shareholders' meeting in Manchester tomorrow and is expected to sound this cautionary note: "A major effort will be required to achieve a comparable performance over the full year."

Because the Co-op heartland is largely in the north of the country, it has withstood the effects of recession better than some. Increasing diversification by co-ops including the CWS has also been a factor. The CWS is not only the nation's biggest commercial farmer but is also one of the top three milk suppliers.

Sir Dennis believes that signs of recovery are hard to discern despite interest rate cuts and efforts by the government to talk the country out of recession. He will tell the Manchester meeting: "The unemployment figures continue to rise and while they do consumer confidence is bound to remain low."

The CWS trading profit for the first half to the end of June was £21.8 million against the previous £16.1 million. The improvement fell short of the last full year when trading profits rose 43 per cent. Sales in the half year were £1.4 billion. The CWS traditionally forgoes profit on about half its sales, the proportion that goes to the retail co-ops.

A factor which could have boosted the CWS first-half results is the inclusion of sales and profits from the merged North Eastern society, one of the biggest co-ops, which had no impact on the previous first half.

Lennox Fyfe the CWS board chairman, is expected to attribute much of the CWS success to its investment in modern retailing.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Canadian Overseas Packaging Industries Limited will be held at Suite 4000, 1 Place Ville Marie, Montreal, Quebec H3B 4M4, Canada on Tuesday the 3rd day of December 1991 at 11.00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. to receive and consider the report of the Directors and the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended June 30, 1991 together with the report of the Auditors thereon;
2. to elect Directors;
3. to appoint Auditors and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration; and
4. to transact such other business as may be transacted at an Annual Meeting.

Shareholders who are unable to attend the foregoing Meeting are requested to complete and return their form of proxy to the address stated below at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the said Meeting.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared the following dividend payable to Shareholders registered at the close of business on November 22nd 1991.

COMMON SHARES (Dividend No 33)

50 Canadian cents per share for the year to June 30 1991. (The comparative figure for 1990 is 45 Canadian cents).

The payment date for the dividend is December 15 1991. The dividend will be paid in the customary currencies, related to the registered address of a Shareholder, in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.

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High-flying Attwoods comes down with a bump

THE City's love affair with the waste disposal sector has ended in tears.

First came the Caird debacle, then Shanks and McEwan rattled the market with a profit warning. Now Attwoods, never far from the headlines, has hustled home a deeply discounted rights issue that resolves short-term financial problems but leaves shareholders little hope of a share price recovery.

Just six months ago Attwood shares traded at 259p and the company appeared to be riding out the recession in some style. Aggressive acquisitions and regular equity issues continued, in true Eighties style, as if the severe economic downturn was merely a mild hangover.

Then it all turned sour. An American placing aimed at raising £40 million attracted just £12.5 million while Southeast Bank in Florida ceased trading, depriving Attwoods of an unused $30 million loan facility.

But the acquisitions did not stop. Three more were completed in August, at a cost of £10.7 million, even though it must have become apparent to the board that a serious funding problem loomed.

British Aerospace, Hillsdown Holdings and Asda have all discovered to their cost that institutions are in no mood for rights issues, but as Ken Foreman, the chairman of Attwoods, acknowledges, his company had no choice but to go to shareholders.

With gearing heading toward three figures and short-term credit facilities nearly exhausted, a refinancing was out of the question and an equity issue the only option. Backing from institutions has been, at best, half-hearted and the issue would never have got off the ground without the support of Laidlaw, a 29 per cent shareholder.

The deeply discounted offer price of 100p a share, against Tuesday's price of 175p, is evidence of the difficulties faced by Attwoods' advisers. The rights issue is underwritten and Attwoods will eventually get its money. But for shareholders who supported the company's dash for growth by mopping up its shares at premium prices the outlook is bleak.

County NatWest expects nil growth in Attwoods earnings this year, leaving the shares, down 46p to 129p yesterday, on a prospective multiple of less than 10, a modest rating by the sector's recent high standards. But with Laidlaw sitting on up to 43.2 per cent of the fully diluted enlarged share capital, the stock will go nowhere. Highly speculative.



Bellak: no bid

Caird

JOHN Bellak, the chairman of Severn Trent, wrongfooted the market by disposing of his company's 29.9 per cent shareholding in Caird Group when the consensus was that a new bid was likely.

Caird shares, which dived to 37p after Bellak allowed Severn's 100p cash offer to lapse in October 1990, had fully recovered their value, helped by timely board changes, implementation of new accounting policies and an improved trading outlook.

But, above all, the shares were buoyed by expectations that Severn Trent would return to the fray once the statutory one-year gap expired, and that Caird would once again resist a takeover bid. Speculation reached fever pitch yesterday, a year to the day after Severn's offer lapsed and Caird's shares touched 121p.

Severn, however, was having none of this. Having written down its Caird shares to 42p the company, unwilling to leap over the same trench a second time, placed the shares in the market at a maximum price of 93p and a minimum of 90p, its appetite for a waste disposal company apparently exhausted by the £212 million acquisition of Biffa from BET.

For speculative investors in Caird this is truly bad news. Corporate activity in the sector is unlikely to revive, in the short term at least, so the company must be measured on fundamentals, which are not so enticing.

At the interim stage, profits were £3.11 million and the company is on course for full-year profits of around £7 million, with earnings per share of 4.9p, rising to £8.2 million and 6.4p respectively in the following year, according to County NatWest.

The shares fell 24p to 97p yesterday, trading at almost 20 times this year's anticipated earnings, which still looks extremely demanding for a company in the early stages of recovery, with almost one-third of its equity newly placed in the market. Avoid.

Hawker boxing with shadows

COMMENT

Hawker Siddeley's latest attack on BTR's hostile £1.5 billion bid is fascinating. Its thrust is the question of BTR management, and includes glancing blows at what it calls BTR's selective, and convenient, accounting policies. But in terms of the bid itself, the document is little more than an exercise in shadow boxing. The real financial and solid blows that will knock BTR out of the bidding ring — or see Hawker Siddeley taken over — have yet to be made.

Both sides yesterday were out to score points under the banner of "who manages best". Under the takeover code, Hawker has until November 5 to furnish new information in its defence against BTR, and after its recent dismal interim report a full year's profits forecast is likely.

BTR has until November 12 to improve or let stand its current offer of 108 BTR shares plus £284.20 in cash for every 100 Hawker shares, with an alternative of 700p cash per share.

The tenor of Hawker Siddeley's arguments about management style will exercise fund managers' minds more than that of the ordinary shareholder who will continue to focus on share price movements. Yesterday, Hawker Siddeley shareholders saw their shares continue to trade above the 700p cash alternative at 730p.

Hawker Siddeley argues that it has been acquisition accounting practices which have led the investment community to *perceive* that BTR has been great.

Hawker also maintains that BTR Nylex in Australia — an operation with which Alan Jackson, BTR's new chief executive, is heavily associated — has run out of steam.

Hawker goes on to assert that BTR, stripped of acquisitions, and whose activities "run from adhesives to wheelchairs, via crushed stone and reproduction furniture", has achieved only minimal organic growth in the past three years.

There is also the charge that the stock market has been signalling a further relevant message, for investors have for some time demanded an above average dividend yield from BTR. Finally, Hawker asserts that there is no fit "like a glove", as BTR maintains, between the two businesses — and that BTR can add nothing to Hawker Siddeley's strengths.

Alan Jackson, meanwhile, has to live up to — or live down — his March 25 statement, published in Melbourne, that he/BTR needs "to come through with something bloody quickly" if his plans are not be thought of as "just more hot air from another bloody Australian blowing through".

BTR's counterattack is that Hawker Siddeley management has sat for too long on its hands, and only under bid threat has revealed its game-plan for the Nineties. BTR pointedly asks what kind of management has still, after two years, to move its London head office — and yet offers its shareholders the strategy of selling two thirds of the business. Mr Jackson insists that his offer is generous, and that action speaks louder than words. This bout has several more rounds to run. But the blows aimed at BTR's record merely invite comparison with Hawker's. They are not likely to be mortal.

More bears

For the second day in succession, the bears have been at work attempting to generate some movement in a particularly flat and lifeless stock market. Having alighted on the shares of Associated British Foods on Wednesday, they transferred their attentions to ICI yesterday after highly speculative suggestions that Hanson was in the process of unwinding the 2.8 per cent stake acquired in a blaze of publicity last summer.

ICI shares dipped 41p at one stage before the market accepted that the Hanson sale rumours were untrue. However, the story may well prove to be premature rather than totally incorrect. While Hanson may have no plans for making its excuses and exiting from ICI, it would be astonishing if their lordships Hanson and White were to pursue any remaining predatory intentions towards our largest chemicals company.

Where once the market was quite prepared to accept the idea that Hanson was set on a deal at some time in the future, opinion has now swung strongly in the opposite direction. The leaked letter in which Lord Hanson expressed severe dissatisfaction with the public relations efforts being mounted on his behalf was probably the final straw that broke the credibility of the idea.

The present impasse has all the elements of a classic tragedy where misery is universal and a simple solution entirely absent. For ICI, the Hanson presence is a diversion which occupies management attention when there are weightier matters to be tackled. Hanson, meanwhile, cannot depart without leaving the impression that he misread the situation.

Sir Denys Henderson and his colleagues at ICI have steadfastly refused to be panicked into wholesale restructuring and disposals on a scale that might have produced a substantial increase in the group's share price. They have kept their cool and decided to proceed with their plans for reshaping ICI's business more or less according to earlier timetables.

While Hanson therefore is showing a worthwhile profit on his excursion into ICI shares it is not sufficiently large that it could claim the operation as a huge success.

Britain must not let the sun go down on its new trade horizons

Colin Narbrough argues that Tuesday's historic European trade pact poses risks and opportunities for the UK

IT HAS been said of the seven members of the European Free Trade Association (Efta) that they reacted against being marginalised by the European Community at the price of becoming satellites.

The agreement struck on Tuesday will bring Efta more fully into the gravitational field of the single European market from January 1, 1993 and create a free trade zone of 380 million consumers that accounts for nearly half world trade. Trade between members of the resulting European Economic Area (EEA) is close to 70 per cent of the two blocs' overall trade.

It is unclear how much the gains of 200 billion ecus (£140 billion) predicted for the original single market will now increase. But it will be interesting the see how the trade benefits of the new alliance flow, whether the small Efta economies thrive, and whether Britain is a net gainer.

As a leading advocate of free trade, Britain has to welcome the extension of the single market to the Alpine and Nordic countries. Extending Community rules on banking, insurance, competition, company law, capital movements, public procurement and state aid must be good, whatever the uncertainties about government policy towards monetary and political union.

There is no guarantee that the EEA will be a good thing for Britain. Indeed, if the figures contain a clear message, it is that Britain has run an upward-trending deficit with the Efta countries, comprised of persistent bilateral deficits with all seven. If one places one's faith in market forces to iron out such imbalances, the £6.87 billion deficit on visible trade with Efta last year, despite recession, should be no problem.



The fear is that Britain has steadily lost market share in manufactured goods in the Efta markets. As a car exporter, it has been displaced by the Germans and the Japanese. This is much the picture across a whole range of goods, where past loss of quality and reliability gave other producers the advantage. To Efta's well-off consumers, price has proved less important.

Britain's largest trade deficit with an Efta member is with Norway. This climbed to £2.94 billion last year, reflecting the growth in imports of Norwegian oil. Much of the crude imports are re-exported, but the inevitable decline in output on the UK continental shelf points to increased dependence on Norway in the future. The second-largest bilateral deficit, £1.89 billion, is with Switzerland, a highly successful manufacturer. Geography and history have inevitably made Germany Efta's main trading partner in the Community. Despite soaring imports arising from unification, Germany last year posted a £1.51 billion surplus with Sweden, and a handsome £5.2 billion surplus with Switzerland. Judged by trade, it would appear that the Efta countries will be orbiting round Germany.

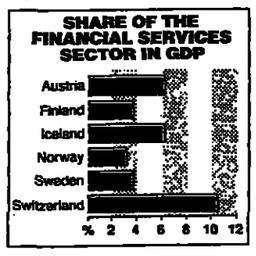
Yet, there is hope for Britain's star too. While it is likely to see German dominance in visible trade extended through the EEA accord, the real opening in the agreement is free trade in services. Alison Wright, director general of British Invisibles, the lobby group for the services sector, sees a real opportunity for the City, but emphasises that it cannot be a substitute for a successful outcome to the Uruguay Round talks on freer global trade. To fears that the Swiss financial services industry could pose a threat, she counters that the British service sector "thrives on competition". Doing business in a wider Europe, is, furthermore, not a zero-sum game.

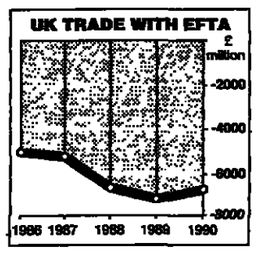
Studies on the potential economic benefits of the EEA suggest that the tie-up will inject dynamism into the underdeveloped financial services sectors of most Efta states. Professor Victor Norman, of the Oslo School of Business Economics, expects the deregulation in services to produce the competition needed to overcome the problems of small domestic markets. Work along the lines of the Cecchini report, which sought to enumerate the economic advantage of the single market for the Community, shows that the Nordic members of Efta would gain more than the EC countries. Where Cecchini foresees price falls of 7 per cent for financial services in Britain, the Efta countries stand to make deeper cuts.

Apart from Switzerland, financial services make a relatively small contribution to overall output across Efta, compared with Britain. The City, keen to secure its European pre-eminence, could gain considerable momentum from the EEA, as London outclasses the continental centres in the size and liquidity of its markets. Business from the smaller Efta countries is most likely to gravitate to London.

There will be traffic the other way. The Nordic countries are expected to ease restrictions on foreign share ownership rapidly. This is likely to send the takeover specialists hunting for Nordic quarry. The cautious Swiss ensured that there will be no abuse of their treasured banking secrecy under the EEA accord by issuing a unilateral declaration that confidential information obtained by authorities may only be used for the purpose requested.

The UK services sector has no time to waste. Otherwise, it could find new planets, such as Hungary or Czechoslovakia, circling the German sun.





A tussle of two cities

THE Paris bourse is on the attack. The French stock market has launched an international marketing drive to publicise its rapid technical advance of the past five years, and to challenge London as Europe's principal share trading centre.

The initiative was driven home by Jean-François Théodore, chairman of the Société des Bourses Françaises, at a presentation to fund managers in London yesterday. "We have a huge, dynamic market which has undergone quite a few changes and should not be overlooked. We are the place to buy French equities," he said in an interview.

The bourse's campaign aims to recapture the business in French equities lost since the late Eighties to Seaq International, the City's overseas equities trading system.

The bourse is also keen to promote CAC, its electronic trading system, as a market for international equities.

"We have a more efficient market for trading normal and medium-sized blocks of shares with narrower spreads than on Seaq," said M Théodore. Figures researched by the bourse show that the average spread between buying and selling prices on Seaq is 1.3 per cent, compared with only 0.6 per cent on CAC.



Théodore: revolution

The bourse is still small compared with the London Stock Exchange, but it would be wrong for the City to ignore the advances made by M Théodore's organisation.

The revolution in Paris began when CAC was launched in 1986 with just five stocks. Since then the bourse has launched Matif, a futures market, and Monep, an options market.

Last year saw the arrival of Relit, an automatic clearing and settlement system. At first it was used to cover only smaller companies. Yesterday, Relit was extended to cover all French stocks. The bourse now offers settlement of all share deals in five days and bonds in three.

The bourse has shown relentless efficiency in modernising its system, while attempts by the London exchange to introduce Taurus and update the antiquated two-week account period have met delays and indecision.

The Paris market still has to cope with several disadvantages against its London rival. The principal one is French stamp duty, from 0.1 per cent to 0.3 per cent on every bargain depending on size. This, however, is likely to be abolished within the next two years.

Despite his drive to capitalise on the bourse's technical advances, M Théodore is a realist and does not expect European domination overnight. "There will not be a single financial centre in Europe in the years to come. There will be three or five, and Paris will be one," he concludes.

NEIL BENNETT

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Food team poached

BILL Smith, who switched from being an equity strategist to head of research at BZW six months ago, has just made his first recruitment move. He has poached the highly rated food retailing team from Hoare Govett, a duo comprising analyst Bill Currie and specialist salesman David McCarthy. The pair were ranked third in the latest Extel league table for that sector. Due to start work at BZW in January, they will fill a vacancy created 18 months ago when Greville Cater — ranked No. 1 in the sector — left to join Vivian Gray. "Our food manufacturing team had been covering the sector but this means that we will now be able to restore the quality of our service," says Smith happily.

Mayoral duties

THE call for an elected mayor or government minister to run the capital and to promote British business abroad, is being met with quiet complacency within the makeshift offices at 11 Ironmonger Lane, home to the Lord Mayor of London for two years, while Mansion House is refurbished. A source tells me that the present incumbent, Sir Alexander Graham — once described by a Bombay newspaper as "radiating jolly ho, chip chip, good-to-meet-you *bonhomie*" — has been to no fewer than 12 countries during his term of office, doing just that. During one trip, he was stranded on the runway at Dallas airport for four hours, sitting next to Mexico's finance minister. As a consequence of that chance meeting, 100 Mexican businessmen and financiers will be making an official visit to London next month, led by the Mexican equivalent of the permanent under secretary to its finance ministry. As for the Lord Mayor's thoughts on a mayor of London, I'm told that he has "no view" officially but that "could change".



Winning tone

AT last some good news from the television franchise losers. Immediately after learning that Television South West, the Plymouth-based TV company, had lost its franchise, and would be making substantial redundancies, one of its presenters, David Fitzgerald, went home and re-recorded the message on his answerphone. The new recording said simply: "This is David Fitzgerald. Please leave your job offer after the tone." Within 24 hours he had indeed received an offer — from Channel Television in Jersey. "If you don't ask, you don't get," says Fitzgerald.

Athenian trap

AS CABINET ministers converged on Hampstead and Highgate this week, to help promote the Tory candidate for that constituency, Oliver Letwin — since he is, after all, standing against Glenda Jackson — the candidate himself was unexpectedly missing. Letwin, aged 36, a privatisation expert employed by N M Rothschild, and long a member of Mrs Thatcher's policy unit, flew to Athens on Monday, wearing his Rothschild's hat, but was unable to catch his scheduled flight home on Wednesday. "He telephoned his wife to say that he was in the finance ministry and that he couldn't leave the building because it was surrounded by troops," explains Andrew Thomson, his understandably concerned agent.

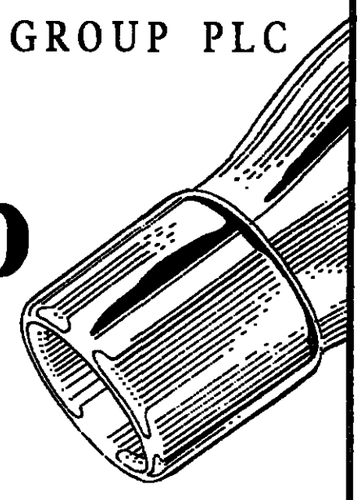
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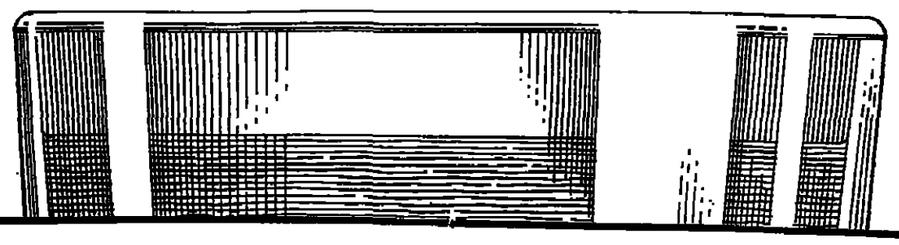
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Kinnock promises three-year funding for training councils

Proposals put forward by Labour at Harrogate would radically alter the process of funding government spending, reports **Philip Bassett**

LABOUR will provide funding for Training and Enterprise Councils, the business-led bodies that run training in Britain, over three years rather than the one year of money made available by the government. Labour's commitment, which has been given in private to Tec leaders by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, amounts to a radical reshaping of the way government funds its spending, and is likely to be opposed fiercely by the Treasury.

Henry McLeish, Labour's employment spokesman, disclosed Labour's intentions in a speech yesterday to the Institute of Personnel Management's annual conference at Harrogate.

Senior civil servants in the audience were taken aback by the commitment, though leaders of the Tecs were delighted that Labour was agreeing to what has been a party consistent objective.

In talks with the government, Tecs are pressing for long-term funding over three years. Some are pessimistic about the likelihood of the Treasury ever agreeing to such an arrangement, which would yield a considerable amount of Treasury budgetary control. But others believe a form of words is emerging that would in effect amount to longer-term planning. They are looking at wording based on the idea of one fixed and two firm years; a definite spending commitment for the first year, and firm, but not precisely fixed, amounts of money for the following years.

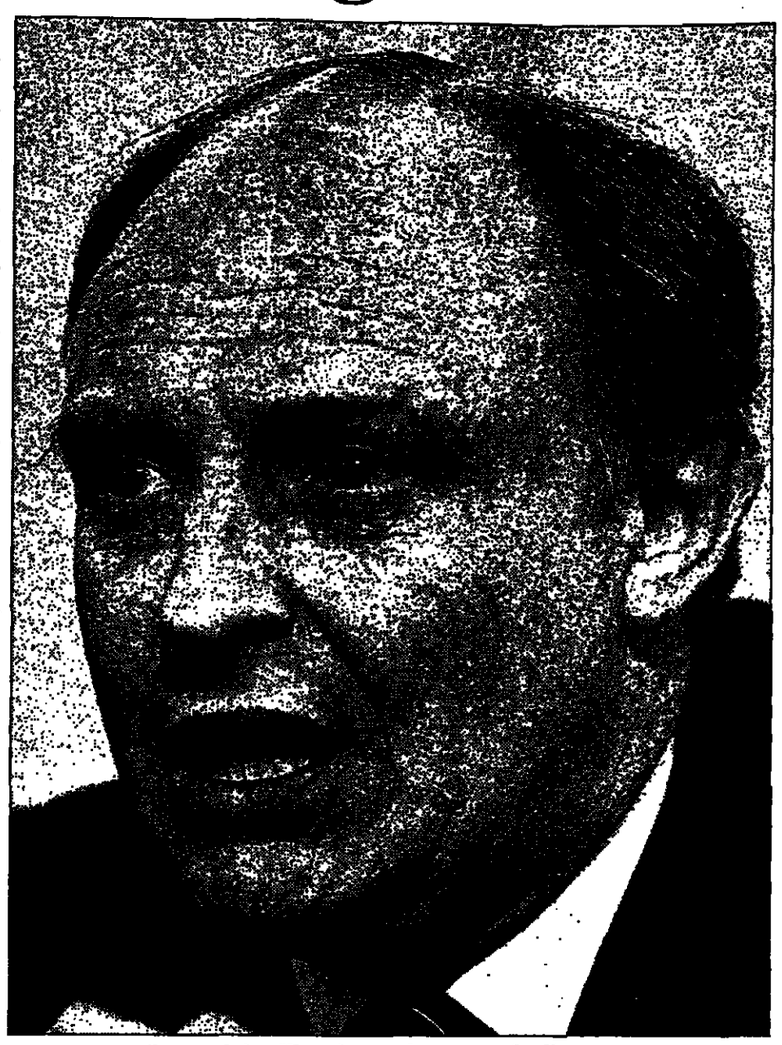
But at a private meeting with the G10 group, a committee of leading Tec chairmen representing all 82 Tecs, Mr Kinnock promised that Labour would apply full three-year funding to training. Under the plan, a sum of money would be fixed for the first year, which, barring unforeseen circumstances, such as major change in the labour market, would then be adjusted for inflation to apply to the two following years.

Such a proposal breaks the cardinal rule in Whitehall spending on revenue projects, that all expenditure is driven by the annual, Parliamentary-based, PESC public spending cycle, and would also mark a move away from cash-based planning to planning that takes specific account of inflation. That might also involve the government in making detailed, planned, budgetary projections to be worked into the spending details about future levels of unemployment – an exercise the current government abandoned at least publicly some years ago.

The Treasury is expected to argue strongly against the proposal, insisting that it would set a precedent for other spending. Officials believe that if three-year funding is allowed for training, other large spenders, such as the National Health Service, will also want three-year funding.

Mr McLeish told the conference: "We are convinced that Tecs need three-year funding. We are saying that Tecs will have three-year funding." Labour says Tecs need stability in planning, and the business leaders who chair the Tecs say such planning is normal in business.

Labour's move comes at a sensitive time; Michael Howard, the employment secretary, is negotiating with the Treasury about the money for training and unemployment to be announced in the autumn statement. David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, in a letter to Mr Howard that was leaked by Labour, was seeking a £1 billion cut over three years in employment budgets, to be achieved by cutting back the youth training and employment training programmes.



Private pledge: Kinnock wants longer-term funding



McLeish: public promise

Trusts 'to change system' on NHS pay

THE government believes pay review bodies for nurses, doctors and other National Health Service staff, together with national pay bargaining, are likely to disappear under the opted-out trust hospitals.

A senior NHS manager has forecast radical changes "not constrained by traditional professional boundaries and tribal customs" in pay bargaining and union representation in the health service under the trust system. The prediction of sweeping change is likely to provoke an angry reaction from health service unions, which are already opposed to the formation of opt-out trusts.

The government believes all hospitals and other health units will eventually become about 450 trusts, and that while no significant number of trusts have yet used their powers to set pay locally – an ambulance trust in Northumbria is seeking a single-union deal for its employees – they are likely to do so, leading to radical changes in union arrangements and pay-setting.

Some health officials say the formation of the trusts will lead to the abolition of the pay review bodies, covering nurses and midwives, doctors and dentists, medical professionals and other staff, by April 1994. In May, William Waldegrave, health secretary, told the Royal College of Nursing that "the pay review body is safe".

NHS managers believe devolved pay bargaining away from national talks and down to trusts will call into question the validity of the pay review bodies. Peter Johnson, NHS deputy personnel director, told the IPM conference that the freedom of trusts to determine pay and conditions for new employees and the chance for local pay discretion and flexibility offered "the most significant opportunity for a quantum leap forward" in employee management than at any time in the history of the NHS.

Institute paper dilutes criticism of government

STRONG criticism by the IPM of the government's training programme was significantly watered down before the institute produced its training white paper, which was published yesterday (Philip Bassett writes).

The move represents the second occasion on which the institute has drawn back from a clash with the government. Last month, ministers directly intervened to tone down institute support for Labour's proposed statutory national minimum wage.

Conservative party and employment department officials held talks with institute officials about the way the latter's largely supportive report on the minimum wage – to be debated today – should be presented. After the talks, an institute release on the document was markedly altered before it was seen by the press.

The institute's policy white paper on training calls for the government to introduce tax breaks for employers – perhaps equivalent to 1 per cent of their payroll – who invest seriously in training. The paper masked a behind-the-scenes row at the institute, with some leaders arguing against recommending compulsory training for 17 and 18 year olds; such a proposal is not contained in the paper.

While the institute's final document disagrees markedly with the government over training, some of the sharper criticism was removed from the paper before publication. Barry Curnow, IPM president, said the institute had established with the employment department "a formal consultation process on research."

A confidential draft copy of the institute paper, seen by *The Times*, contains a number of significant changes from the published document – all of which tone down criticism of the government. For instance, the published paper says that "the government has developed a more coherent strategy" on training, but the words "although in the process it appears to be reluctant to take on its full responsibilities in key areas." were cut out. Another passage describes the government's training initiatives as "contradictory", cutting out "repeated, apparently ill-considered."

The key section on funding originally read: "The general component of this education and training should be provided entirely at the expense of the Exchequer", while what appeared in the published paper was that "the costs of this would be shared".

Another deletion said "education and training for unemployed adults must be provided at the state's expense". Another deletion was the word "generous" from the section saying "the government's contribution would be in the form of a financial incentive to the employer." Also cut was a passage saying that the effect of the government's training policies is that Britain "must surely be the laughing stock of the European training fraternity."

The paper, which the institute intends as a significant contribution to the political debate on training, will be examined at a day-long IPM conference in six weeks' time.

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Head, Department of Communication & Electronic Engineering (REF NO 112-01-A)

Head, Department of Aerospace Engineering (REF NO 116-31-A)

Head, Department of Computer Systems Engineering (REF 117-40-A)

The RMIT is a city campus situated in Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne is a cosmopolitan multicultural city of 3.1 million in the state of Victoria. Melbourne's climate is temperate, and the city is internationally recognised for its performing arts and sporting events.

RMIT has 31,000 students and is currently negotiating the incorporation of Phillip Institute of Technology which has a similar vocational philosphy, and has a wide range of courses, some of which are unique in Australia, spread across an additional two campuses. Once merged, the university will be the strongest multi-level technological university in Australia, and will have approximately 40,000 enrolled students.

The Faculty of Engineering at RMIT is the second largest engineering faculty in Australia currently has approx. 2800 students enrolled in 12 different undergraduate Bachelor degree programmes, five Graduate Diplomas Masters by coursework in Systems Engineering, Project Management, Information Technology, Quality Management, Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Design. It is expected these numbers will increase on the two additional campuses. These coursework activities are complemented by both Masters and PhD research programmes. In addition to research carried out in departments, the Faculty focusses it research in the following Centres: Advanced Computer Graphics Centre, Microelectronics and Materials Technology Centre, National Institute of Pavement Studies, Centre for Aeorspace Design Technology, Rheology and Materials Processing Centre, Centre for Advanced Technology in Telecommunications. Centre for Concurrent Computing.

The Faculty of Engineering at RMIT has restructured its Faculty from three to seven departments creating five vacant positions at Head of Department level.

The position of Head of Department has as its focus the effective management of staff, quality control of courses, research and consulting, financial and resource management, strategic planning and promotion of the Department's courses, research and consulting activities.

All positions will carry the title of Professor: Salary $73,800 per annum. The stated salary of A$73,800 p.a. is transitional and will increase to A$77,900 p.a. in July 1992. All positions are for a fixed term of five years with the prospect of further term appointments.

Selection will be made on the Key Selection Criteria contained in the Position Descriptions which are available from Human Resources Management Group on Phone: (03) 660 4600 or Fax (03) 663 4453. For further information please contact Professor W Carroll, Dean, on (03) 660 2523 or Fax (03) 663 7873.

Applications in writing and quoting reference number should be addressed to the Senior Appointments Officer by 25th October for Associate Deans & by 22nd November 1991 for Head of Department positions.

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	Oct 24 midday	Oct 23 close		Oct 24 midday	Oct 23 close		Oct 24 midday	Oct 23 close
Abbott Lab	58⅛	57½	Enron	72⅝	73	Qnyx Energy	32⅝	33
Aetna Life	37	37⅛	Entergy	28⅛	28⅝	Pac Enl	26⅝	26⅞
Ahmanson	16½	16⅛	Ethyl	25⅝	25½	Pac Gas Elec	23⅜	23⅞
Air Prods	69⅛	70	Exxon	60⅞	60⅝	Pac Telesis	40⅝	40⅜
Albertsons	33	33⅛	Fed NMA	61	60⅜	Pacpar	45	45⅜
Alcan Al	29⅝	29⅞	Fednl Expre	37⅞	38	Pacificorp	23⅛	23⅝
Alco Stand	34	34⅛	Fl Horster	23⅝	23⅜	Pall	30⅜	37⅛
Allied Signal	40	40⅜	Fluor	44⅛	44⅜	Paramount	39⅝	37⅞
Alumin CA	62⅝	63	FMC	49⅜	49⅝	Parker-Hanin	28⅜	28⅝
Am Brands	40⅛	40⅛	Ford Motor	27	27⅛	Penney	51⅛	51⅛
Am Cyanmid	63⅞	63⅝	FPL	33⅛	33⅜	Pennzoil	64⅛	65⅝
Am EPC	31	31	Fst Chicago	25⅛	25⅝	Pepsico	28	28
Am General	41	41⅛	Fst Intrstt	29⅝	29	Pfizer	68⅝	69⅛
Am Home	72⅛	73⅛	Fst Union	28	28	Philips Pet	25⅝	26⅞
Am Intl	82	82⅛	Gannett	40⅞	40⅝	Philips Elec	23	23
Am Stores	36⅝	37⅛	GAP	45	45⅝	Philp Morris	69⅝	70
Amax	20⅝	20⅝	Gen Cinema	20⅝	20⅝	Philps Dodge	77	78
Amerftech	56⅞	57	Gen Elec	71⅝	72	Pitney Bow	58⅝	54⅛
Amerit	60⅛	60⅝	Gen Mills	59⅞	59⅝	Placer Dm	12⅛	12⅝
Amoco	22⅜	21⅞	Gen Motors	35	35⅜	PNC Fncl	41⅝	41⅞
AMP	52⅝	52⅝	Gen RE	86⅝	86⅝	Primrie Bsn	14⅜	14⅝
AMR	64⅛	64	Gen Signal	50⅝	51	Polaroid	25⅞	25⅞
Anheuser-B	52⅝	52⅝	Genuine Pts	43⅜	43⅛	PPG Inds	51⅛	52⅛
Apple Comp	53⅝	54½	Georgia-Pac	58⅞	59⅛	Prctr Gmble	79⅜	80⅝
Archer-Dan	27⅝	27⅞	Gillette	41⅛	42	Price	56⅝	57⅜
Arkla	16	16	Goodrich	43⅝	43⅝	Primerica	34⅜	34⅝
Armco	5⅜	5⅝	Goodyear	46⅝	47	Pub Service	28⅛	28
Armstrong	31	31⅛	Grace	34⅝	35⅛	Quaker Oats	61⅛	60⅝
Asarco	26⅝	26⅝	Greyhound	41⅛	40⅝	Ralston Pur	52⅝	50⅝
Ashland Oil	39⅝	39⅜	Gt Atlantic	30⅜	30⅛	Raychem	30⅝	28⅛
AT&T	58⅝	58⅜	Gt Western	15⅝	15⅝	Raytheon	76	77
Atlan Richfld	119⅜	120⅛	GTE	31⅛	31⅛	Reebok	29⅝	28
Auto DP	36⅜	36⅝	Halliburtn	34⅝	33⅞	Rockwell	64⅝	65⅝
Avery Denn	22⅝	22⅛	Heinz	57⅞	57⅝	Rohm Haas	25⅞	26⅝
Avon Prod	44⅜	44⅛	Hercules	42⅝	43⅜	Royal Dutch	41⅝	42
Baldmore	32⅛	32⅛	Hershey Fd	39⅞	40⅝	Rubbermaid	60⅜	61⅛
Banc One	44	44⅛	Hewlet Pkd	51	50⅞	Ryntds Mtl	59⅝	60
Bankamerica	40	40⅝	Hilton Hd	42⅝	42⅝	Safeco	55⅝	55⅝
Bard	26⅝	27	Home Depot	64⅝	65⅛	Salomon	37⅜	37⅝
Barrett Bk	30⅜	30⅜	Homestake	16⅝	16⅛	Santa Fe Pac	24⅜	24⅞
Bausch Lmb	48⅝	49⅝	Honeywell	55⅛	54⅜	Sara Lee	10⅝	11⅛
Baxter Intl	48⅝	49⅝	Houston Ind	39⅝	39⅝	Schering-Pl	42	41⅜
Bec Dickin	57	57	Howlett Pkd	58⅝	57	Schlumberger	43⅝	43⅝
Bell Atlan	69⅝	69⅝	Humana	25⅝	26	Scott Paper	59⅝	59⅝
Bellsouth	44⅝	44⅝	IBM	98⅝	98⅛	Seagram	81⅝	81⅞
Ber Hughes	47	47⅛	IFIL	91⅛	91⅛	Sears Rbk	111⅛	111⅜
Black Decker	24⅜	25⅛	Illnois TW	67⅛	67⅝	Seagram	37	37⅜
Block	77⅛	77⅛	Inco	32⅝	33	Sears Rbk	30⅜	30⅜
Boise Cas	34⅛	35⅛	Ingrsol-Rand	48⅝	48⅞	Searby Pac	24⅝	24⅝
Bnkrs Tst NY	63⅞	64	Inland Steel	19⅝	19⅝	Shwin-Wilms	15⅝	15⅝
Boeing	49	49⅛	Intel	42	43	Skyline	15⅛	15⅛
Bolse Casco	29⅝	29⅝	Intl Paper	74⅜	76⅝	Snap-on Tls	32	31⅞
Borden	32	31⅞	ITT	52⅜	52⅝	Southern	29⅝	30
Brist-Myer	91⅛	91⅞	James River	21⅛	21⅛	St Paul	61	59⅝
Browng-For	18⅜	18⅝	Johnson Jhsn	82⅝	84⅛	Stanley Wk	40⅜	40⅜
Burl Nth	39⅝	39⅝	K Mart	41⅛	41⅝	Stone Cntr	22⅝	23⅜
CAI	8⅜	8⅜	Kellogg	103⅜	104⅛	Sun Co	30⅜	30⅜
Campbell Sp	74⅜	75⅝	Kerr-McGee	44⅛	44⅞	Sunst Bk	35⅛	35
Cap Cities	412⅛	415	Kimbly-Clrk	92⅝	92⅝	Super Valu	25⅝	25⅝
Capital HC	46	46⅛	Knight-Ridr	47⅞	47⅞	SW Bell	56⅝	56⅝
Carolina	48⅝	48⅜	Lilly	76	75⅝	Syntex	41⅛	41⅜
Caterpillar	48⅛	48⅜	Limited	23⅝	23⅝	Sysco	41	41⅜
CBS	154⅝	154	Lo Brdcstg	71⅞	72⅛	Tandem	12	13⅜
Central SW	49⅝	48⅞	Lncln Nat	50⅛	50⅝	Tandy	29⅝	29⅝
Champion	24⅜	25⅛	Litton Ind	88⅝	90⅛	Tele-comm	15⅞	16⅛
Chase Man	19	19⅛	Lockheed	44⅛	44⅛	Teledyne	19⅜	19⅝
Chem Bnkg	24	24⅜	Louis-Pac	42⅜	42⅝	Temple-In	49⅝	49⅝
Chevron	74⅞	75⅜	Lowes Hsno	26⅝	27⅛	Tenneco	40	40
Chrysler	10⅝	11	Marriott	18	18⅝	Texaco	64⅝	64⅝
Chubb	85⅜	85⅞	Marsh Mclen	71⅛	71⅛	Texas Inst	30⅞	30⅞
Cigna	48⅝	48⅝	Martin Mar	80	49⅝	Texas Utl	35⅝	35⅝
Cilcorp	10⅞	10⅝	Masco	22⅝	23	Textron	36⅛	36⅛
Cinna Llz	36⅝	36⅝	May Dept	60⅜	60⅛	Time Wrnr	86⅝	87
Clorox	96⅝	96⅝	Maytag	18⅜	19⅛	Times Mirr	29	29⅛
Clmith Eds	38⅝	38⅞	McDnl Doug	67⅜	67⅛	Timken	27⅝	27⅞
CNA Fncl	87	88⅛	McDonalds	34⅝	34⅞	Torchmark	52	51⅝
Coastal	30⅞	30⅞	McGraw-Hill	52⅝	52⅛	Toys R Us	29⅝	28⅞
Coca-Cola	82⅝	83	MCI Com	28⅝	28⅝	Transam	35⅝	36⅛
Colgate-Pal	40⅝	40⅝	Mead	31⅛	32⅛	Travelers	21	21
Columb Gas	18	18	Medtronic	75	76⅝	Tribune	58	58
Compaq	35⅝	36	Mellon Bk	34⅛	34⅜	TRW	38⅝	38
Consgra	43⅛	43⅜	Melville	43⅝	43⅝	Tyco Lab	34⅛	34⅛
Cons Edis	25⅝	25⅞	Merck	131⅛	132⅝	UAL	134⅞	133⅝
Cons NG	41⅜	42⅛	Merll Lynch	47⅞	48⅛	Un Camp	48⅝	48⅞
Cons Rail	75⅞	75⅛	Minnesota	50⅝	51⅛	Un Carbide	16⅛	16⅛
Cooper Ind	54⅜	54⅝	Mobil	71⅝	71⅝	Un Pacific	49⅝	50⅝
Corning	76⅛	76⅝	Monsanto	57⅞	57⅛	Unilever	65⅛	65⅝
CPC Intl	80⅜	80⅛	Moore	24⅝	24⅜	Unisys	4⅛	4⅛
Crown Cork	91⅛	92	Morgan JP	61⅛	62⅛	Unocal	26⅝	27⅛
CSX	54	54⅝	Motorola	63⅞	64	Upjohn	43⅛	43⅝
Dana	29⅝	29⅞	Nat Medical	16⅛	16⅝	US Life	43⅛	43⅝
Dayton-Hud	64⅝	64⅞	Nat Semi	5⅝	5⅝	US West	35⅞	35⅞
Deere	54⅝	56	Nat Service	22⅛	22⅛	Usair Gp	9⅝	9⅝
Delta Air	66⅞	66⅝	Navistar	2¾	2⅝	USF&G	7⅞	7⅞
Deluxe	41	40⅝	NCNB	57	57⅛	UST	52⅛	52⅝
Detroit Edi	31⅛	32	NCR	n/a	n/a	USX Mar	29⅝	29⅝
Digital Eq	59⅜	59⅝	NEG Engy	42⅝	42⅝	Utd Tech	47⅝	48
Dillard	122	125	Newmont Mn	40⅝	41⅛	Utd Telcm	23⅛	23⅛
Disney	119	119⅝	Niagr Mhwk	17⅞	17⅛	VF	36⅛	36⅞
Dominion	53⅛	53⅛	Nike	53	53⅜	Wal-Mart	46	46⅝
Donnelley	45⅝	46⅛	NL Indstrs	12⅜	12⅝	Waste Mgmt	36⅛	36⅝
Dover	37⅛	38	Nordstorm	32⅞	33⅛	Wells Fargo	66	66⅝
Dow Chem	52⅞	53⅛	North Sthn	60⅝	59⅝	Westg Elec	16⅝	16⅝
Dow Jones	23⅛	23⅝	Norwest	33⅜	33⅜	Weyerhsr	29	29⅛
Dresser Ind	20	20⅛	Nthn St Pwr	38⅝	38⅝	Whirlpool	39⅛	40⅛
Du Pont	46	46	Nthn Telcm	40	40⅛	Whitman	12⅞	12⅝
Duke Pwr	30⅜	30⅞	NY Times	19⅜	19	Winn-Dixie	36⅞	37
Dun Bradst	47⅝	48	Nynex	75⅞	75⅝	Woolworth	28⅞	28⅛
East Kodak	45⅜	45⅞	Occid Petr	22	22⅝	Wrigley	65	65⅝
Eaton	64	65⅝	Ohio Ed	19⅝	19⅝	Wmar-Lamb	75⅜	76⅛
Emerson El	50⅛	50⅝	Oracle Sys	15⅞	15⅞	Xerox	61⅛	61⅛

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyons	550	74	93	–	12	19	–
(*604)	600	41	62	72	28	37	45
	650	20	40	51	58	64	72
ASDA	34	11	11	–	2½	3	–
(*41)	43	3½	6	–	5	8½	–
	51	2	3½	–	13	13	–
Bass	950	47	65	75	30	37	40
(*961)	1000	20	40	52	62	67	72
	1050	8	23	–	105	108	–
Boots	390	46	58	67	4	6	10
(*429)	420	25	38	44	18	16	21
	460	9½	21	25	37	37	42
Br Airways	180	21	28	32	5½	8	12
(*194)	200	10	16	21	14	17	21
	220	3½	9	13	28	29	32
BP	300	41	46	–	2½	5	–
(*335)	330	18	24	30	10	14	17
	360	6	11	16	29	33	35
Br Steel	110	12	14	17	3	4	5
(*119)	120	5½	8⅝	11	7	9	10
	130	2	5	7	15½	16⅛	16½
C & W	500	69	85	95	7	11	16
(*547)	550	35	53	61	22	29	35
	600	14	30	38	53	58	62
CU	460	31	39	44	11	22	24
(*464)	500	11½	20	25	36	45	47
	550	3	6	–	85	85	–
Courtauld	460	49	64	70	8	12	16
(*481)	500	24	40	46	24	27	31
	550	8	21	26	59	59	60
GKN	330	29	35	40	10	19	24
(*337)	360	11	19	26	24	40	45
	390	6	9	–	51	60	–
Grand Met	800	80	91	111	13	21	26
(*848)	850	45	62	80	32	42	46
	900	21	39	57	61	70	73
ICI	1250	77	97	119	39	63	64
(*1240)	1300	53	71	92	63	89	92
	1350	33	50	72	95	121	123
Kingfisher	500	61	75	77	7	11	17
(*536)	550	25	45	49	22	30	36
	600	10	21	30	62	63	67
Ladbroke	230	38	44	–	3	6½	–
(*254)	249	24	30	–	7½	13	–
	268	12½	19	–	17	23	–
Land Sec	460	47	60	65	3½	7	15
(*495)	500	20	33	40	19	22	30
	550	4	12	17	62	62	60
M & S	360	39	48	49	2½	4	5½
(*289)	280	23	35	32	6½	9	12
	300	11½	21	22	17	18	20
Sainsbury	326	40	–	–	4	–	–
(*352)	356	18	–	–	13	–	–
	386	6	–	–	33	–	–
Shell	460	70	74	82	2½	6	8
(*513)	500	37	42	52	8	18	21
	550	11	16	26	38	45	46
Smld Beech	700	62	82	100	14	23	27
(*727)	750	32	54	70	37	43	49
	800	15	31	48	72	77	80
Sneclne	100	12	15	–	4½	6½	–
(*105)	110	6	9½	13	10	12	13
	120	3½	6	9	17	18	19
Trafalgar	211	26	–	–	9	–	–
(*226)	231	13	–	–	19	–	–
	251	5½	–	–	35	–	–
Ultramar	300	50	55	–	8	13	–
(*337)	330	27	35	–	18	24	–
	360	14	20	–	30	37	–
Unilever	700	114	–	–	2½	–	–
(*797)	750	70	86	98	9	16	21
	800	37	54	63	27	35	40
	850	13	33	47	50	63	65
Utd Biscs	360	48	56	58	3½	8	11
(*389)	390	26	36	40	12	19	23
	420	11	19	26	28	35	36

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAA	420	36	46	59	2½	11	14
(*447)	460	8	22	35	17	28	32
	500	1½	9	19	52	57	60
BAT Ind	600	54	75	85	3	9	16
(*639)	650	15	42	55	16	27	35
	700	2½	19	30	60	62	64
	750	1	7	17	110	110	110
BTR	360	30	42	–	2	6	–
(*379)	390	8½	22	29	12	18	25
	420	1½	9½	15	38	40	43
Br Aero	360	28	45	50	9½	19	32
(*376)	384	14	33	36	20	34	48
	414	4	17	24	45	50	67
Br Telecm	360	32	38	50	2½	8	12
(*382)	390	10	20	32	10	19	25
	420	2	9½	17½	35	39	43
Cadbury	390	29	43	52	5½	16	25
(*404)	420	10	27	37	20	29	38
	460	4	16	23	55	55	60
Guinness	950	98	125	138	2½	10	19
(*1033)	1000	54	88	105	8	22	34
	1050	22	57	76	29	43	57
GEC	180	12	16	24	1¾	4½	7½
(*187)	200	2½	5½	12	12	15	17
	220	1	2½	6	33	34	35
Hanson	200	17	20	23	2	6	8
(*213)	220	4½	8	12½	8½	16¼	18½
	240	1	3	5½	27	35	34
LASMO	300	33	48	50	4	9½	15
(*325)	330	15	28	33	15	21	28
	360	6	17	22	37	42	45
Lucas	130	10	14	18	3½	7	10
(*135)	140	4	9	14	10	14	16
	160	1¼	3½	7	29	29	31
P & O	472	36	55	–	4	12	–
(*497)	519	7	25	36	26	33	43
	565	1¼	10	18	70	70	75
Pilkington	140	21	25	31	1⅛	5	7
(*155)	160	6	13	19	7½	14	17
	180	2	7	12	25	28	30

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Prudential	220	17	26	30	2	5	9
(*230)	240	5	14	18	10	14	19
	260	1¼	7	9½	29	29	31
Racal Elec	51	8	9½	–	1	2	–
(*56)	55	5	–	–	2	–	–
	60	2	4½	–	5	6	–
RTZ	500	60	77	82	1½	6	13
(*550)	550	19	42	52	10½	20	31
	600	3½	19	27	50	52	60
Scot New	360	45	50	–	1	5	–
(*394)	390	20	28	40	6	15	18
	420	5	14	26	25	33	34
Tesco	240	11	20	25	4½	9½	13
(*238)	260	3	11	16	18	21	24
	280	1	5	9½	38	38	40
Thames W	350	25	32	–	4½	8	–
(*365)	370	9	18	–	13	15	–
	400	3	8	–	40	42	–
Vodafone	330	47	56	–	1½	6	–
(*371)	360	21	35	–	6	15	–
	390	6	19	–	23	32	–

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	420	43	57	62	8½	14	17
(*441)	460	28	33	41	27	32	35
	500	7	18	25	57	60	61

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat	280	14	22	25	7½	13½	16
(*279)	300	5½	11½	16	20	24	27
	330	1½	4	7½	49	49	51
Amstrad	30	8	9½	11	2½	3½	4½
(*35)	35	4	7	9	4	6	6
	40	3	5½	7	7⅝	9	10½
Barclays	420	22	35	40	10	19	23
(*417)	460	5½	14	22	40	41	47
	500	1⅛	5	10	80	80	81
Blue Circ	220	24	34	36	3½	6	8
(*235)	240	12	21	25	9½	14	18
	260	4	12	16	25	27	32
Br Gas	240	23	28	31	3½	5½	7
(*258)	260	10	15	18	9	13	17
	280	4	8	11	25	26	28
Dixons	240	17	25	33	8	13	16
(*242)	260	7	15	24	19	24	25
	280	2	8	16	36	39	39
Eurotunnel	420	25	50	60	30	40	45
(*486)	460	10	30	45	50	65	70
	500	5	17	30	100	102	102
Forte	260	21	29	35	4	6½	11
(*267)	280	8	17	23	13	16	20
	300	3	9	15	29	31	33
Glaxo	1350	112	152	189	18	37	52
(*1405)	1400	77	122	159	33	57	70
	1450	50	94	130	60	80	90
Hawker	700	46	54	67	12	13	17
(*729)	750	12	26	37	37	40	42
	800	3	9	15	78	78	78
Hillsdown	197	16	23	–	5	8½	–
(*204)	216	6	12	–	16	19	–
	236	2½	7	–	34	34	–
Lonrho	220	37	40	41	1	5½	7½
(*250)	240	19	24	27	4½	13	15
	260	7¾	12	16	13	26	28
Midland	240	22	31	38	6½	11	15½
(*245)	260	11	19	27	17	22	26
	280	4½	11	18	32	34	37
Reuter	850	125	147	–	8	22	–
(*997)	900	82	112	130	18	37	47
	950	50	80	105	39	60	69
	1000	29	57	79	68	90	95
R-Royce	130	12	15	17	3	8	10
(*135)	140	6	9½	12	8	13	15
	160	1½	3½	5½	25	29	30
Sears	90	11	15	17	2	4	6
(*100)	100	5	9	11	6	8	12
	110	2½	5½	6½	14	15	18
Thorn EMI	700	102	113	–	1½	5	–
(*787)	750	58	73	92	8	15	18
	800	24	42	63	27	36	39
	850	7	23	41	63	67	70
TSB	130	11¼	14	18	3	6	8
(*133)	140	6½	10	13	7	11	12
	160	2½	4	6	25	26	27
Vaal Reefs	60	10	13½	16	2½	5	6½
(*367)	70	6	9	10	7	9½	12
Wellcome	700	70	97	113	14	25	31
(*742)	750	36	67	87	32	44	50
	800	17	41	64	64	70	74

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Enscn Elec	230	14	20	26	3	8	9½
(*238)	250	4½	9½	15	14	18	20
	270	1	4	8½	32	33	34

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Nat Power	140	22	24	28	2	4	5
(*157)	160	7½	10	16	7½	11	13
	180	2½	5	8	24	24	25
Scot Power	100	12	–	–	2	–	–
(*108)	110	5½	9	12	5	8	12
	120	2½	5	8	12	14	15

FT-SE INDEX (*£2520)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Oct	60	22	4	1	½	½
Nov	93	60	33	15	8	3
Dec	125	91	61	38	22	14
Jan	144	111	82	58	40	26
Jun	240	–	170	–	130	–
Puts						
Oct	6	17	53	106	156	206
Nov	25	42	68	112	160	209
Dec	38	56	81	115	159	207
Jan	50	65	92	120	158	210
Jun	90	–	130	–	190	–

October 24, 1991 Total: 37587 Calls 20246 Puts 17341 FT-SE: Calls 2225 Puts 5791
*Underlying security price.

STOCK MARKET

Caird falls 24p as brokers place Severn Trent's stake

ANY remaining hopes that Severn Trent would renew its assault on Caird, the waste disposal group, were finally scuppered after the water company decided to dispose of its holding.

Shares in Caird were sent tumbling by 24p to 97p as two brokers, Smith New Court and County NatWest Wood-Mac, jointly placed the 16.8 million shares, or a near 30 per cent stake, with institutional clients at prices up to 93p. Severn Trent acquired the stake last year when it made a £78 million (100p-a-share) bid for Caird.

Caird escaped from the newly privatised Severn Trent after back-tracking on a profit forecast by issuing a warning that trading conditions had deteriorated. Severn Trent withdrew its offer but would have been free yesterday to relaunch it.

Severn Trent is believed to have made a loss of almost £1 million on the sale but the £16 million raised will help to top up the group's coffers. Severn Trent paid BET more than £200 million a few months ago for the Biffa waste disposal group. Severn Trent finished 2p firmer at 321p.

After holding its head above water for most of the day, the equity market went into a sharp reverse with the FT-SE 100 index dropping 32.8 to 2,528.3 and turnover growing to almost 600 million shares, helped by several large placings. An opening fall of 36 points on Wall Street combined with worries about another political opinion poll, showing Labour increasing its lead over the Conservatives, to drag prices lower.

Sentiment had already been affected this week by increasing fears about the rate of economic recovery and worries that another cut in base rates could be some way off. Government securities shrugged off their recent lethargy to finish with gains of £⅛ at the longer end.

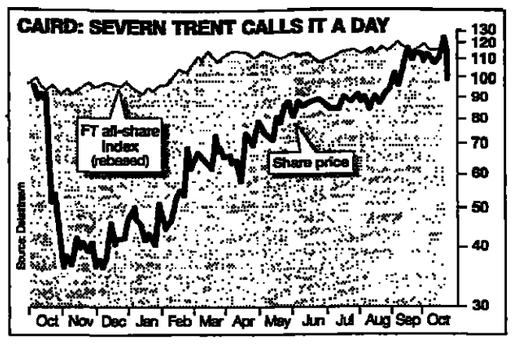
ICI touched £12.37 before closing 29p down at £12.48 amid claims that Hanson had tried to place its 2.8 per cent stake. Neither company would comment and it was finally concluded that the story had been started by dealers in the hope of generating business. Hanson paid £11.94 for its holding this year.

Attwoods, the waste disposal and aggregates group, fell 47p to 128p after returning from suspension with details of its much-rumoured rights issue.

British Aerospace slipped 4p to 375p before the nil shares going fully paid. The result of its controversial rights issue will be announced on Monday and the market expects a large percentage to be left with the underwriters.

BTR, which is bidding £1.5 billion for **Hawker Siddeley**, lost an early lead to finish 7p cheaper at 378p. BTR has been a dull market this week, making the terms for Hawker shareholders less attractive. Hawker fell 3p to 728p. **Smith & Nephew** failed to maintain an early lead, ending 1p lighter at 134p as dealers ruled out a bid from Eli Lilly, the American pharmaceuticals group. **Ultramar** lost 4p to 337p as the prospect of a counter-bid continued to fade. And claims that the bidder, **Lasmo**, may soon find itself as the target of a bid also seem to be fading with the price slipping 11p to 325p. Elsewhere in the oil sector, **BP** was a dull market, falling 10p to 336p, as investors were urged to switch into **British Gas**, 6p better at 256p.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lo/Ab)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mastertrust Acc	92.19	98.89	+0.09	2.80
Int	84.28	88.38	+0.18	1.39
Dlr/Gth	81.01	84.28	+0.12	6.53
Global Gth Sec	53.00	56.58	+0.05	0.00
Eldrtrust	54.65	57.77	+0.05	2.09
High Inc Equity	136.3	144.9e	+0.3	8.67
M'wide Bond	213.7	226.7c	-0.5	6.53
Gth/Fixed	116.7	122.7e	+0.2	9.37

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: (0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 289890
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ Tel: 071-374 6801

Am Inc/Gth	30.81	32.89e	+0.02	2.43
Euro	68.02	72.15	-0.13	0.32
Euro Inc	72.34	76.32	+0.11	1.91
Exempt	122.6	818.4e	-2.5	4.68
Extra Inc	39.69	42.51e	+0.02	5.83
F/E Emerg Ea	47.65	51.11	+0.31	1.25

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0709 514514 dealing 0800 289336

High Inc	342.3	364.5e	-2.9	5.53
Equity Inc	190.6	202.9	-1.2	5.05
High Yield	203.0	217.1e	-1.2	5.34
Balanced	153.1	161.9	-0.7	3.46
Am Inc	35.42	37.72	-0.27	3.90
World Acc Val	32.62	34.63	-0.13	1.21
Japan	149.0	157.6	+1.4	0.01
Bks of Am	338.7	347.8	-3.5	0.14

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 628 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3000

Euro Gth	82.1	87.8c	-0.3	1.56
1992 Euro Spc	81.53	85.78	-0.01	1.55
Intl Inc	88.12	73.92	-0.05	2.67
Mem Gth	48.30	52.72	-0.13	1.52
Pacific Gth	74.45	79.52e	+0.17	1.94
UK Gth Acc	82.06	87.77e	-0.26	2.56
Do Dist	72.02	77.02e	-0.17	3.23
UK Income	58.46	63.59e	+0.14	7.06

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

Capit	89.36	95.68	+0.09	3.57
Euro Gth Inc	81.71	87.45	-0.11	1.91
Extra Inc	94.72	101.3e	-0.5	5.98
General	201.7	215.7e	-0.3	4.02
Gt/Fxd Income	52.24	54.12	+0.04	9.77
Inc Trust	453.1	463.2	+0.2	6.18

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4DQ Tel: 081-658 6000

Assc Gth	57.93	71.46	-0.46	0.45
Am Sm Cos	75.1	80.0	-0.8	0.30
Australia	64.99	69.27	+0.38	1.50
Convertible	45.76	48.69e	+0.05	5.30
East	125.4	136.0	-0.5	1.30
Equity Inc	74.46	79.30e	+0.26	6.80
Euro Gth	175.5	186.4	-0.2	0.50
Euro Sm/r Cos	152.6	162.1	-0.5	1.50
Exempt	68.73	71.91		3.80
German Gth	43.09	46.13	-0.15	1.10
Global Gth	64.26	69.03	-0.13	0.00
Jap Gth	43.10	45.13	+0.5	0.00
Jap Sundyn	140.2	149.8	+0.8	0.00
Portfio	99.47	103.5	-0.10	3.90
Pro Acc	170.0	180.4	-0.8	4.20
UK Growth	58.60	60.42	-0.18	4.20
UK Sm/r Cos	73.15	78.29e	+0.23	3.60
Select Man	55.13	58.84	-0.09	3.10

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
168, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-333 3182

Britan Gth Acc	83.02	88.75e	-0.13	2.71
Do Inc	78.21	83.64e	+0.13	5.71
Global Bond	23.32	24.95	-0.01	6.03
High Yield Acc	41.37	44.24e	-0.06	4.80
Do Inc	32.39	34.64e	-0.06	4.80
Inc Gth Acc	60.63	64.73	-0.24	5.58
Do Inc	42.98	45.96	-0.16	5.58
Service Co Acc	72.06	77.07e	-0.44	1.98
Do Inc	58.58	73.35e	-0.44	1.98
Am Gth Acc	34.93	37.36	-0.21	1.06
Do Inc	34.28	36.67	-0.20	1.06
Euro Gth Acc	28.45	27.22	+0.04	1.40
Do Inc	24.61	26.32	+0.03	1.40
Managed Port	25.75	27.54e	-0.22	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

Financial	98.12	104.5	-0.10	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	193.8	208.4e	-0.5	0.00
Do Inc	116.7	124.3e	-0.3	1.85
High Inc	68.66	64.78e	+0.55	8.75
Income	89.04	95.00e	+0.06	5.20
Man Portf Inc	81.34	86.53	-0.06	2.40
Do Acc	150.1	159.8	-0.2	2.20
Nth Amer	80.35	85.59	-0.04	0.25
Orient	109.0	110.8	+0.5	0.38
Recovery	32.39	34.51	+0.07	0.00
German	35.1	37.8c	-0.1	0.11
Intl Recov	28.57	30.43e	-0.23	0.26
Europe	20.36	21.90e	-0.05	0.51
Conv Genl	16.79	17.97e	-0.05	10.69

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4924 Dealing: 071-247 7474

Fellowship Inc	54.01	57.49e	-0.10	3.07
Do Acc	58.93	62.70e	-0.11	3.07
Inc Fund 3	171.6	182.5e	-0.61	6.12
Inc Fund 4	161.2	171.5e	-0.13	1.52
Inv Port Inc	55.15	57.08	+0.05	2.91
Do Acc	60.32	62.43	+0.06	2.91
Smlr Inc 5	109.4	116.4	-0.1	2.98
Do Acc	128.3	134.4		2.98
Hi Inc Pri Inc	48.15	50.93e	-0.21	8.64

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216
Shr Gt Fd Inc 63.03 63.87 +0.01 5.40

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 3000

Environ	108.4	113.2	+0.2	2.19
UK Growth	117.3	124.8	+0.2	2.72
UK Income	108.4	113.2e	..	5.67

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NS Tel: 081-902 8876

SE Asm	49.77	53.23e	-0.07	2.12
Growth	40.18	42.97e	+0.05	3.76
Income	46.05	51.41e	+0.01	6.91
Far East	40.53	43.35e	+0.17	0.72
Nth Amer	80.39	84.80e	-0.23	0.01
Global	62.37	66.71	-0.29	1.43
European	58.49	62.56	-0.28	2.56
Japan	68.04	104.5e	+0.68	0.01
Strategic Opp	46.34	49.56	-0.28	0.00
Int Currency	47.06	49.90e	-0.03	6.89

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5986 Dealing: 061-236 3262

Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	84.31	100.3e	-0.60	0.32
Do Acc	100.4	106.9e	-0.64	0.32
European	68.47	72.68	-0.07	1.43
Do Acc	68.14	72.31	-0.07	1.43
F East/Gen	51.97	55.29	+0.15	0.00
Do Acc	51.97	55.29	+0.15	0.00
Gleniters	221.2	235.4e	-0.7	2.24
Do Acc	241.8	257.1e	-0.7	2.24
Growth	238.4	317.1	-0.8	2.74
Do Acc	481.8	528.0	-1.5	2.74
Inc &Gth Inc	322.6	343.2	-0.8	6.16
Do Acc	402.2	427.9	-1.1	6.16
Master Portf	223.10	87.29e	-0.43	2.74
Do Acc	692.08	97.69e	-0.48	2.74
Spec Sits	67.38	71.69	-0.67	2.77
Do Acc	75.76	80.59	-0.89	2.77
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exempt	210.37	10.70c	-0.03	5.65
Do Acc	£11.20	11.55c	-0.05	5.65

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 8BU. Tel: 071-655 5000 Dealings : 071-655 5055

Amer Index	148.6	159.5	-1.1	1.89
Capital	454.6	485.1e	-1.5	3.87
Euro Index	110.6	118.2	-0.4	2.00
Euro Growth	71.38	76.76	-0.22	1.96
Far East (Gth	69.14	73.78	+0.01	1.16
Global Bond	20.73	22.10	-0.04	8.95
Gold Gen S S	64.58	68.80	+0.19	2.14
Hong Kong	40.54	43.69	-0.49	3.22
Income	105.6	485.1e	-1.7	5.57
Intl Gth	62.98	66.76	-0.19	1.28
Jap Gth	224.5	239.8e	+2.0	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	31.98	34.13	+0.38	0.00
Jap Index	88.10	72.67	+0.31	0.81
Amer Gth	313.6	334.8	-2.2	1.65
Sing Malay	39.37	36.91	+0.44	0.00
Tiger Index	88.11	94.09e	+0.62	2.29
UK Index	108.1	115.3	-0.7	3.95

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
18 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

Amer Portf	95.48	63.60	+0.49	1.72
Euro Portf	58.63	62.59	+0.06	1.24
Fd Inc	47.93	51.09	-0.05	0.00
Jap Portf	47.93	51.09	-0.05	0.00
Pacific Portf	63.29	68.05	+0.17	3.00
Portf	58.62	63.08	-0.02	3.14
UK Inc/Gth	55.93	60.14e	-0.09	6.92

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Income	532.9	539.5e	..	5.44
Acc	£19.41	18.71	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	..
Fixed Int Inc	115.3	115.5e	..	10.04
Do Acc	131.8	131.8e	..	..

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966

Assets	32.70	35.48e	..	2.89
Black Int Cp Ac	69.82	65.49e	..	5.51
Prfer Hse Inc	173.4	182.8e	..	6.30
Prfer Hse Cap	214.2	227.6	..	2.89

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-991 2222 Dealing : 081-686 6818

Am Gth	77.86	82.86	-0.70	1.91
Euro Gth	75.38	80.09e	-0.54	0.80
Far East	71.65	76.18	+0.34	0.80
Jap Gwth	37.81	40.01	+0.36	0.00
Managed Inc	53.81	57.24c	-0.38	4.59
Do Acc	61.77	65.71c	-0.31	0.00
Monthly Inc	42.92	44.58e	-0.09	9.63
Smlr Cos Inc	29.09	30.95	-0.27	2.77
Do Acc	31.20	33.18	-0.30	2.77
UK/Gen Inc	61.16	65.06	-0.53	3.56
Do Acc	70.11	74.56	-0.62	3.56
M'wide Bond	50.36	53.57e	-0.05	4.96
Do Acc	60.29	64.14e	-0.05	4.96
M'wide Sp Sits	44.27	47.35	-0.16	0.55
Do accum	45.15	48.27	-0.16	0.57
Outlier Gen Inc	104.2	110.9e	-0.86	1.65
Do Acc	112.0	119.2e	-0.96	1.65
Outlier Inc	87.08	92.64	-0.71	4.06
Do Acc	94.53	100.5	-0.83	4.06
Outlier Intl Inc	105.9	112.8	-0.19	0.01
Do Acc	106.9	113.7	-0.17	0.01
Oth UK S/S Inc	70.62	75.13	-0.36	4.26
Do Acc	91.16	96.98	-0.47	4.26

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

Finance/Prop	85.39	91.05e	-0.66	3.40
Fixed/Conv	34.10	35.28c	-0.09	9.00
Do Acc	80.24	85.36c	-0.24	9.00
Equity Inc	127.4	135.6	-0.96	5.64
High Yield	378.0	402.2	-2.83	5.64
High Yield Inc	103.5	110.1e	-0.78	7.15
Do Acc	360.6	383.6e	-2.65	7.15
Preference Inc	39.88	41.39e	-0.09	10.39
Do Acc	179.6	191.1e	-0.39	10.39
PFPT Europe	125.9	134.0	-0.88	0.00
PFPT Global	63.24	67.28	-0.04	3.55
PFPT Gld/Coin	46.56	49.53	-0.49	2.46
PFPT Thai	34.15	36.33	-0.04	0.00
PFPT HK	141.7	150.7	-0.35	2.07
PFPT Jap	108.8	115.7	+1.17	0.75
PFPT Nth Amer	107.3	114.1	-0.14	0.92
PFPT Sing/M	71.09	75.63	+0.53	0.00
PFPT UK	98.62	105.9	-0.65	1.93
PFPT Cash	83.7	..	+ ..	8.29

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-0900588

Amer	67.74	83.22c	-0.51	1.15
Capit	133.5	141.8	-0.1	2.12
Convertible	21.99	23.33e	-0.12	6.14
Euroland	92.88	98.58	-0.03	1.15
Europ Mngd	148.1	152.3e	..	3.45
Growth/Inc	188.5	210.5	-0.9	5.53
High Dist	145.9	154.4c	-0.4	7.29
Intl	272.9	290.0	-1.1	1.72
Intl Inc	61.45	65.80e	-0.16	6.02
Pacific	34.85	37.00e	-0.16	1.08
Smlr Jap Cos	67.42	71.53	+0.34	0.00
Tokyo	183.5	194.1	+1.0	0.00
Ex Am 2	168.7	173.3e	..	1.04
Ex Jap 3	120.8	124.1	..	0.40
Ex Smlr Jap 4	566.6	582.2e	+6.9	0.06

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555

Offshrl Op Acc	57.28	60.84e	-0.12	1.41
Worcester	57.87	61.57e	+0.07	0.00
UK Balan Inc	102.5	109.0	+0.4	3.46
Do Acc	115.7	122.9	+0.4	3.46
UK Gth Accum	171.3	182.2	+0.3	2.62
UK Hi Inc	115.2	122.5c	-0.1	8.06
UK Hi Inc Acc	123.7	131.5c	-0.2	8.06
N Amer Acc	79.06	84.11	-0.23	0.12
Euro Acc	108.7	112.4	..	1.42
UK Pref/Fl Inc	98.09	99.49	+0.03	8.98
Do Acc	99.38	85.07	+0.05	8.98
Intl Sp S Acc	44.50	47.09e	+0.13	0.00
Emerald Opp	58.07	61.76	+0.14	2.59

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hamborgate Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7291

Endurance	148.1	155.4e	-1.1	1.95

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

Equitable Pelican	101.0	106.3e	..	4.66
High Inc	108.2	113.9	..	6.10
T Of Inc Tr	112.5	118.5	..	5.50
Spec Sits	94.88	99.85e	..	4.34
N Am	76.23	80.35e	..	1.03
Far East	173.9	183.1	..	1.19
Intl Gth	74.57	78.49	..	1.59
Euro	95.99	59.94	..	2.32
Smlr Cos	59.30	61.26	..	3.32

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553251

UK Gth Accum	261.4	276.1e	-0.4	3.66
Do Inc	189.9	200.6e	-0.3	5.34
Higher Inc Acc	488.5	485.7e	-1.2	3.66
Do Inc	296.4	314.3e	-0.6	4.95
Glbl/Fxd Acc	140.8	148.9e	-0.2	8.91
Do Inc	81.10	85.37e	+0.30	8.91
N America	185.6	197.5e	+0.1	0.00
Far East	235.6	250.7e	-0.2	0.00
Europe	197.2	209.8e	+0.5	0.00
Gilts	268.3	276.1e	-0.4	3.45
Genrl Acc	379.3	399.5e	-0.6	3.45
RF Excellence	84.71	89.21c	-0.07	3.05
RF Private Inc	85.50	90.05c	-0.03	6.08
Do Acc	87.10	91.74c	-0.03	6.08
Global Ops	68.83	72.53c	-0.15	0.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

American	167.9	176.8	-0.4	0.00
Cash Unit	133.35	e	+0.02	10.74
European	92.94	99.59e	-0.06	0.00
Gilt/Inc	127.3	136.6	-0.3	8.50
Japan	153.3	161.4	-0.9	0.00
UK Gth	83.35	87.72	+0.07	3.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
Bth Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

Euro Income	78.78	83.46	-0.27	3.71
Far East	119.9	127.9e	+0.3	0.00
Pacific Prop	71.05	75.79e	+0.01	1.72
UK Growth	69.50	74.33	..	1.72
UK Inc Fund	93.95	100.9e	-0.10	8.06
US Smlr Cos	143.7	153.7	-1.1	0.00

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100

Am Smlr Cos	307.4	334.2	-0.5	..
Do Acc	314.1	341.4	-0.5	..
Capit Inc	264.8	271.0e	-0.4	2.99
Capit Acc	342.9	364.7e	-0.6	2.99
Cedar Growth Inc	98.4	104.7	-0.2	7.26
Do Acc	41.57	44.58	-0.05	7.26
Conv Inc	104.2	110.4	-0.2	7.26
Do Acc	176.0	186.5	-0.2	7.26
Euro Inc	88.63	94.93	-0.09	0.88
Do Acc	88.63	94.93	-0.09	0.88
Extra Inc Inc	251.0	266.9	-0.5	5.48
Do Acc	330.9	351.9	-0.5	5.48
Financial Acc	63.91	67.97e	-0.13	0.00
Do Inc	63.90	67.97e	-0.13	0.00
Health	102.1	110.0c	-0.2	0.00
Do Acc	102.1	110.0	-0.2	0.00
Inc Trust	183.2	194.8	-0.4	5.16
Do Acc	205.7	221.9	-0.5	5.16
Intl Gth	258.1	274.4e	-0.5	..
Do Acc	284.4	304.7e	-0.6	..
Jap & Gen Inc	141.9	150.3	-0.6	..
Do Acc	149.4	159.9	-0.6	..
Managed Port Inc	78.76	82.99	-0.05	1.66
Do Acc	78.44	83.42	-0.05	1.66
Monthly Inc	126.8	134.8e	-0.3	9.34
Recov	216.7	230.7	-0.1	0.96
Do Acc	253.8	272.5	-0.1	0.96
Smlr Inc	39.24	40.57e	+0.01	3.69
Do Acc	39.24	40.57e	+0.01	3.69
Gilt Gth Inc	61.14	63.05	+0.10	5.03
Do Acc	66.41	68.49	+0.11	5.03
Gilt Inc Inc	58.98	59.73e	+0.09	8.95
Do Acc	67.02	69.10e	+0.07	8.95

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing0722 411411 Admin0722 413922

Equity Dist	285.7	306.1	-0.73	3.72
Do Acc	349.1	384.1c	+1.39	3.72
Euro Gth Dist	87.68	93.28	-0.29	0.76
Do Acc	89.37	95.08	-0.29	0.76
Fixed Int Dist	118.8	122.2m	+0.03	8.65
Do Acc	181.4	191.8m	+0.03	8.65
Int Gth Dist	63.41	67.48	-0.23	0.65
Do Acc	64.35	68.10	-0.23	0.65
N Am Dist	141.0	150.1	-0.53	1.17
Do Acc	153.4	163.2	-0.58	1.17
Pac Basin Dist	198.1	208.6	+0.10	0.00
Do Acc	199.5	211.2	+0.10	0.00
Smlr Cos Dist	246.5	262.2e	-0.70	2.67
Do Acc	281.2	299.1c	-0.81	2.67
Stwd Inc Dist	55.14	58.58c	+0.01	5.68
Do Acc	61.70	65.64c	+0.01	5.68
Managed Dist	73.08	77.73	-0.35	0.16
Do Acc	77.05	81.97	-0.36	0.16

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing: 071-929 9431

Orient	47.5	50.0	..	0.00
Are Sp Sits	89.30	95.51	..	0.00
UK Cap Inc	144.5	154.4	..	4.15
Do Acc	237.5	253.8	..	4.15
Do Spec Sits	54.74	58.59e	..	3.94
Inc Fund	68.04	72.75	..	7.77
Intl	192.5	205.8	..	1.29
US/Genl	67.39	72.41	..	0.63
Jap & Genl	370.5	396.4	..	0.00
Far East/Gen	194.5	208.1	..	0.00
Euro	312.1	333.8	..	1.18
Germany	82.83	88.65e	..	0.47
Intl Inc	88.04	59.88	..	5.69
World Spec Sit	95.55	102.3	..	0.12
Global Pen Inc	44.29	47.72	..	2.84
Do Acc	50.91	54.45	..	2.84
Smlr Cos	43.45	46.46	..	0.02
Smlr Cos Dlr	43.45	46.46	..	0.02

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 284251 Services: 0800 289336

UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	34.81	37.23	+0.07	2.53
CashTrust**	118.67	e	+0.03	10.52
Pract Inv Inc	92.76	99.29e	+0.59	3.72
Do Acc	184.4	197.8e	+0.45	3.72
UK Sel Cos	101.9	109.0e	+0.01	2.35
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	81.59	85.87c	-0.31	7.07
Preference	21.16	22.66e	-0.05	11.12
High Inc	31.00	33.05e	-0.12	5.63
Income	105.9	113.3	-0.39	4.20
Intl Fxd Int	23.78	24.89e	-0.03	7.28
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	67.60	72.82	-0.21	1.35
Eurowarrants	18.85	17.76	-0.06	0.55
Frontier Mkts	32.78	35.13	-0.06	0.00
Glob Inc/Gth	80.28	86.79e	-0.13	2.91
UK/Intl	81.90	86.29	-0.26	2.66
Overseas Trusts				
Americom	90.80	97.07	-0.68	1.39
European	62.53	66.92	-0.17	1.46
Euro Sel Opp	88.89	85.56	-0.30	1.88
Am Enwrg	45.89	48.60	-0.61	0.62
Hong Kong	54.85	58.76	-0.36	2.46
Japan	169.7	179.6	+0.50	0.00
Pacific Gth	86.08	94.48	-0.30	1.29

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing:071-656 8585

Intl Gth	108.6	114.3	-0.37	0.70
Amer Growth	83.62	88.43	-0.36	0.34
Euro Growth	57.87	61.61e	-0.19	1.32
Gen Horizons	48.04	43.29	+0.10	0.75
Inc Growth	48.26	51.47	+0.04	3.70
Pacific Inc	95.53	102.1	+0.47	2.53
Pacific Strat	69.77	67.13	+0.10	0.61
UK Prop Inc	69.80	74.41	-0.08	7.21
Gt British	44.88	48.10	+0.12	2.83
UK Snr Co	39.86	42.64e	+0.09	2.83

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 9888

Cash	119.5	e		10.58
Capital Interest	108.5	115.1	+0.2	8.61
Gth Equity	262.5	280.4	+0.7	3.11
Growth/Inc	366.6	391.8	+0.2	3.15
Inc Tst	99.03	105.8	+0.2	6.97
Managed	177.2	189.4	+0.5	4.39
Managed	485.8	511.4	-2.8	0.00
N Amer	186.0	198.7e	-0.7	0.63
Pacific	308.1	329.1e	-0.3	0.00
Prop Shares	207.1	221.3e	-0.5	0.00
Prop Trust	227.0	242.5e	+0.4	2.05
Euro Trust	305.7	326.5	-1.3	0.46

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 289336

Global Adv Inc	29.58	31.31	+0.02	2.43
Global Adv Acc	30.30	32.09	+0.02	2.49

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227000 Dealing 0277 280090

Amer Equity	62.99	66.22e	-0.25	4.27
Canadian	57.9	55.99	-0.21	0.00
Equity Inc	98.73	102.9	+1.26	6.93
Euro	119.2	126.1	-0.3	0.00
Far East	119.2	126.1	-0.3	0.00
Intl Stg	61.30	65.05	+0.15	0.00
Jap & Far East	90.88	95.99	+0.15	0.00
N Am	76.58	81.09	-0.11	0.00
Recovery	81.25	86.04	+0.13	0.00
Smlr Cos	28.65	28.34	+0.07	2.78
UK New Comm	36.12	38.43	+0.10	2.21

HENDERSON
UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 251010

Am Smlr Cos	62.17	66.88	-0.19	0.00
Asset Enterprise	124.3	133.0	-0.38	0.00
Australian	124.3	133.0e	-0.38	3.70
European	226.0	239.5e	-0.58	0.00
Euro Inc	57.98	61.38	-0.20	3.72
Euro Smlr Cos	231.8	245.6e	-0.81	0.00
Extra Inc	231.8	246.8e	-0.81	6.76
Family Of Fds	58.64	60.30	-0.06	1.65
Fixed Interest	49.39	53.59e	+0.04	9.34
High Income	49.39	53.59e	+0.04	9.34
High Inc	257.2	274.9e	-0.75	5.91

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No.	Company	Group	Gains or loss
1	Brixton	Property	
2	Argos Plc	Drapery,Stores	
3	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
4	Watson & Philip	Foods	
5	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
6	Abbey	Building,Roads	
7	Allied Lon	Property	
8	Wardle Storeys Plc	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Marshalls	Building,Roads	
10	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
11	Slough Estates	Property	
12	P & P	Electricals	
13	Domino	Electricals	
14	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
15	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
16	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
17	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
18	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
19	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
20	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
21	Cavs Milling	Foods	
22	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
23	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
25	Nu-Swift	Industrials L-R	
26	Pradragon	Motors,Aircraft	
27	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
28	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
30	Amec	Building,Roads	
31	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
32	Cresta	Industrials A-D	
33	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Bilton (P)	Property	
35	CRT Gp	Textiles	
36	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
37	Reuters Group	Drapery,Stores	
38	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
39	Gr Portland	Property	
40	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
41	Morgan Chc	Industrials L-R	
42	North West	Water	
43	Chesring	Industrials A-D	
44	Yorkshire Water	Water	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £4,000 will be added to today's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990 High	1990 Low	Stock		Price	Ch'nge	Int yield %	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
99⅝	99⅜	Treas	8%	1991	99⅝	8.03	10.278
100⅜	99⅝	Treas	11¾	1991	100	10.9	10.329
99⅝	99⅜	Treas	11¾pc	1991	99⅝		
99⅝	99⅜	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝		
100	97⅝	Treas	10%	1992	99⅝	10.07	9.881
100⅝	98⅜	Treas	12¾pc	1992	100⅜	10.07	9.881
102⅜	98⅜	Treas	13¾pc	1992	101⅜	10.07	9.881
101⅜	100⅜	Treas	12¾pc	1993	101⅜	10.07	9.881
104⅜	98⅜	Treas	13¾pc	1993	103⅜	10.07	9.881
85	85⅜	Treas	9%	1993	85⅜	10.07	9.881
99⅜	85⅜	Treas	8¾%	1993	99⅜	10.07	9.881
100⅜	97⅜	Treas	13¾pc	1993	100⅜	10.07	9.881
104⅜	100⅜	Treas	12¾%	1993	104⅜	10.07	9.881
105⅜	100⅜	Treas	13¾%	1993	107⅜	10.07	9.881
97⅜	85⅜	Treas	8¾%	1994	97⅜	10.07	9.881
99⅜	85⅜	Treas	8¾%	1994	99⅜	10.07	9.881
101	85⅜	Treas	10%	1994	100⅜	10.07	9.881
107⅜	100⅜	Treas	13¾pc	1994	106⅜	10.07	9.881
108	100⅜	Treas	13¾pc	1994	107⅜	10.07	9.881
111⅜	100⅜	Treas	14¼%	1994	110⅜	10.07	9.881
80	72⅜	Exch	9%	1994-96	80⅜		
100⅜	94⅜	Treas	10¾%	1995	101⅜	10.1	9.945
106⅜	98⅜	Treas	12%	1995	105⅜	11.3	9.945
110⅜	100⅜	Treas	12¾%	1995	109⅜	11.6	9.960
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
86⅜	85⅜	Treas	8%	1992-96	86⅜	9.13	9.405
101⅜	86⅜	Treas	10%	1996	100⅜	9.68	9.835
101⅜	86⅜	Treas	10%	1996 B	100⅜		
112⅜	108	Treas	13¼%	1996	111⅜	10.2	10.063
114⅜	100⅜	Treas	13¾%	1996	113⅜	10.2	10.063
116⅜	116⅜	Treas	15¾%	1996	115⅜	10.2	10.063
88⅜	86⅜	Treas	9¾%	1997	88⅜	10.1	9.999
103⅜	87⅜	Treas	10¾%	1997	102⅜	10.2	10.012
116⅜	106⅜	Treas	15¾%	1997	115⅜	10.2	10.012
122⅜	117	Treas	18%	1997	121⅜	10.2	10.012
86⅜	86⅜	Treas	9%	1998-00	86⅜	7.7	9.405
100⅜	91⅜	Treas	9¾%	1998	99⅜	8.8	9.999
111⅜	104⅜	Treas	12%	1998	110⅜	10.2	10.063
128⅜	121⅜	Treas	15¾%	1998	126⅜	10.2	10.063
103⅜	86⅜	Treas	9¾%	1999	102⅜	10.2	10.012
104⅜	87⅜	Treas	10¼%	1999	103⅜	10.2	10.012
113⅜	106⅜	Treas	12¾%	1999	112⅜	10.2	10.012
97⅜	86⅜	Treas	9%	2000	96⅜	9.3	9.741
116⅜	116⅜	Treas	13%	2000	116⅜	11.2	10.012
100⅜	86⅜	Treas	10%	2001	100⅜	9.96	9.888
119⅜	113	Treas	14%	1998-01	118⅜	10.7	10.154
81⅜	77⅜	Exch	9%	2002	80⅜	8.8	9.999
101⅜	86⅜	Treas	9¾%	2002	99⅜	9.8	9.999
87⅜	86⅜	Treas	10%	2002	87⅜	9.9	9.999
104	94	Treas	10%	2003	101⅜	9.86	9.888
117⅜	110⅜	Treas	12¾%	2000-03	116⅜	10.2	10.012
85⅜	85⅜	Exch	8%	1999-04	84⅜	9.5	9.741
100⅜	86⅜	Treas	9½%	2004	97⅜	9.7	9.741
111	108	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	109⅜	10.6	10.062
100⅜	86⅜	Treas	9¾%	2005	98⅜	9.71	9.741
121⅜	110⅜	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	118⅜	10.2	10.012
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
88⅜	79⅜	Treas	8%	2002-06	86⅜		
93⅜	81⅜	Treas	8¾%	2007	90⅜	9.72	9.731
116⅜	105⅜	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	112⅜	10.4	9.971
90	84⅜	Treas	9%	2008	84⅜	9.46	9.731
94⅜	86⅜	Treas	9%	2008 C	84⅜		
129⅜	117⅜	Treas	13¼%	2004-08	125⅜	10.2	10.063
88	86⅜	Treas	8%	2009	86⅜	9.25	9.731
97⅜	86⅜	Treas	9%	2011	93⅜	9.65	9.731
86⅜	86⅜	Treas	9%	2011 PP	86⅜		
86⅜	86⅜	Treas	9%	2011 A	84⅜		
86⅜	74⅜	Treas	8¾%	2008-12	84⅜	9.5	9.731
86⅜	74⅜	Treas	7¼%	2012-15	82⅜	9.5	9.731
125⅜	113⅜	Exch	12%	2013-17	121⅜	9.9	9.888
UNDATED							
35⅜	33⅜	Consols		3½%	35⅜	3.5	9.859
33⅜	33⅜	Treas		3½%	33⅜		
33⅜	33⅜	Treas		3%	33⅜		
41⅜	35⅜	Consols		4%	40⅜		
37⅜	35⅜	War Ln		3½%	36⅜	3.5	9.859
INDEX-LINKED							
135⅜	131⅜	Treas I.L.	2¾%	1982	133⅜		
122⅜	116⅜	Treas I.L.	2¾%	1985	119⅜		
176⅜	169⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2006	172⅜		
144⅜	137⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2001	144⅜		
149⅜	135⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2009	145⅜		
135	127⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2011	132⅜		
130⅜	124⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2020	126⅜		
135	127⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2011	132⅜		
111	105⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2013	110⅜		
118⅜	113⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2016	117⅜		
113⅜	109⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2020	113		
95⅜	91⅜	Treas I.L.	2½%	2024	93⅜		

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	1991 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
211	211	Abbey National	209	211	-4	13.1	4.7	9.7
181	125	Allied Irish	172	174	-1			
268	179	Ansbacher (Hldgs)	186	188	+1	25	5.3	–
179	179	Ass New Z	179	180				
178	178	Bank of Ireland	178	180	-2			
178	178	Bk Lincln Wales	178	180				
477	477	Bank of Scotland	477	480				
1027	1027	Barclays Bk	1027	1030		23	6.5	13.5
477	477	Bk Ireland	477	480		10.7	4.5	9.2
1027	1027	Bk Scotland	1027	1030		23	6.5	13.5
1027	1027	Barclays Bk

Survey shows legal needs of firms using free advice scheme

By SALLY WATTS

TROUBLES that small businesses take to solicitors are delineated in a report just produced by the Law Society on clients of Lawyers for Enterprise, the business advice service started in 1988.

The report is based on a questionnaire sent by the Law Society to the 2,600 solicitors operating the scheme, which allows business clients at least one free advice session, sometimes followed by special rates. Their answers show that 29 per cent of owners seeking advice were already in business and 63 per cent were starting.

More than half the clients had general start-up queries. Apart from these, just over 9 per cent enquired about partnerships, both setting them up and disbanding them. Seven per cent needed help with leases and licensing, while more than 5 five per cent asked about property related problems. Almost a half of all cases taken up were resolved, the solicitors reported. More than a third said they were still pursuing the issues involved, but the enquiry had not been sorted out in 14.5 per cent of cases.

More than a third of owners returned later with other enquiries and a further 15 per cent were thought likely to do so. Narinder Rana, the marketing schemes manager, said: "These figures are important because they show that many types of businesses need legal help in many different aspects. A high proportion of clients are using the initial free advice to consult a solicitor for the first time." More details from Lawyers for Enterprise, Law Society, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1SX; telephone: 071-242 1222.

MR FRIDAY



"Well, that's the working breakfast over — it's time to start lunch!"

Having designs on success

By DEREK HARRIS

IN FOUR tough years, taught by early mistakes, Jackie Campbell has learned how to go commercial as well as being a designer. Most recently she was unexpectedly rescued just as she was preparing to shut down her business, producing exotic ties, scarves and other accessories.

Miss Campbell studied art history at Newhall College, Cambridge, which fuelled her proclivity towards design but did nothing to prepare her for what was to come once she started designing men's silk ties and painting them by hand. She set up that business in November 1987, benefiting from the enterprise allowance scheme, a small amount of family sourced cash and a £3,000 overdraft.

She said: "It wasn't really a business. I wanted success on my own label. Things seemed to be moving when an order came from Japan. I started working with stencils to increase volume, with me creating the stencils — it took a week to cut one — with somebody coming in to do the colouring."

She went on: "The trouble was, it was never going to be big enough to justify the efforts and the overheads. The price was very much market-led and the labour was taking up far too much time for little in the way of rewards."

She was at her first crossroads, and decided to opt for doing her designing on paper and then moving to woven instead of printed ties. She soon had designs that could be applied not only to ties but also cummerbunds and waistcoats. Miss Campbell said: "I'd heard the Japanese market was a good one for such products so I asked the Japanese distributor, Cricket, which had bought the hand-painted ties, if they would like to see the new range."

That produced no response, so she bought an air ticket to Tokyo. When she called in, Cricket executives "seemed somwhat impressed if not taken back". They placed a £4,000 order but she suspected it had more to do with satisfying Japanese honour rather than reflecting business acumen.

In February last year she went to the big menswear trade show held in Paris with three new and unusual designs. "It was," she said, "an unmitigated disaster."

Then Cricket requested a meeting. Cricket became Japanese agent for her designs, leaving other markets to her, while also manufacturing all her products. The first collection under the new arrangement came out in March and a dozen specialist outlets as well as Liberty and Fortnum & Mason placed orders. More orders since include some from stores in New York, Paris and Hong Kong.

Miss Campbell said: "Despite the recession we are really on the up. It has been a quantum leap in terms of awareness. The label is really getting known and that's everything in this business."

ANDY WATTS



Orders from New York and Paris: Jackie Campbell

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☐ Solotec, the South London Training and Enterprise Council, has earmarked £250,000 to support local businesses. Solotec is looking for about 30 companies with expansion plans that would benefit from guidance by an experienced management consultancy. Financial backing up to £15,000 will be on offer but businesses will be expected to make a contribution to costs. More details from the Solotec "helpline" on 0800 800 222.

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Tokyo has the worst traffic problem in the world. Kevin Eason reports from Japan on a British solution

Britain's car clampers would rub their hands at the sight of almost 250,000 cars waiting to be nabbed. Tokyo has the world's biggest parking problem. Now an enterprising English company has sent 200 of its police-approved clamps to Japan for examination in the hope of boosting exports.

Although 60,000 cars cram into Tokyo's multi-storey parks every day, four times as many are illegally parked. They help to cause chaos in a city bursting at the seams with six million cars.

Alan Thomas, the sales manager of Lionweld Wheelock, of Middlesbrough, Cleveland, says: "Clearly there is an enormous problem. We have sent some equipment, but I am sure that is just the beginning. We are happy to help out the Tokyo authorities if they want to place an order."

Visitors to the Tokyo motor show this week discovered the scale of the problem when many spent three hours travelling just 20 miles to the exhibition centre on the city outskirts.

As in Britain, Tokyo's illicit parkers cause frustration by leaving their cars at the sides of roads, reducing the width of the highway and causing traffic blackspots.

Tokyo traffic police take a disarmingly polite view of illegal parking, at least at first. They leave a chalk mark on the front offside tyre and a chalked time on the road to jog the driver's conscience. The driver is given plenty of time to respond and the vehicle is towed away only as a last resort.



Caught: clamps on the way

The penalty is a £50 fine and a charge for the return of the car. Only the most persistent offender would find himself in court.

The congestion, caused partly by the parking problem, is costing Japan £50 billion a year in delays and lost man hours, according to a report by Nissan, Japan's second largest car maker. A study team discovered that the speed of traffic in central Tokyo can be as little as 6mph, leading to huge rises in pollution levels and wasted fuel.

Cars are most efficient moving at a constant speed. Doubling the average speed of vehicles halves fuel consumption, the Nissan investigators say. A car that stops at a junction and accelerates away again pumps 60 per cent more nitrous oxides into the atmosphere than one moving constantly.

The team discovered that parking was a prime contributor to slowing traffic in town as were right-hand turns and poorly timed traffic lights.

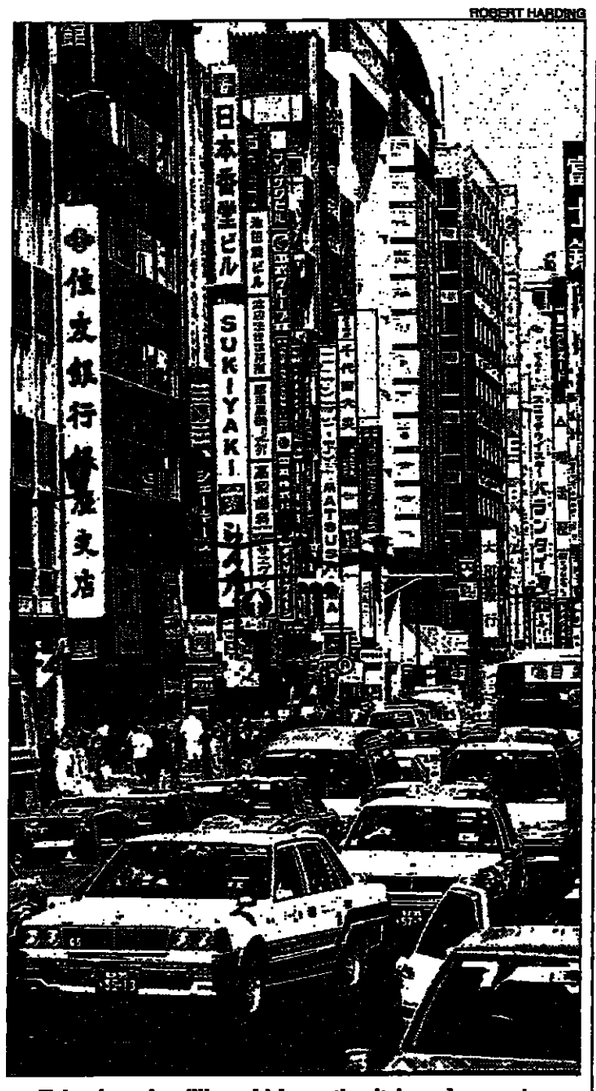
The researchers are now working with the Tokyo authorities to devise a sequence of traffic light changes to keep traffic flowing. They are also studying the possibility of building flyovers and new one-way systems to siphon off cars turning right, avoiding the build-up of traffic.

The rise in numbers of two-car households means that parking is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The frustrated latecomer is tempted to double-park, presenting a hazard.

The Japanese answer is to insist that new car buyers produce documentary evidence that they have a parking spot before their vehicle is registered. In provincial cities and suburban areas of Tokyo, drivers without garages pay about £80 a month for a space; in central Tokyo, spaces can cost £500 a month.

The law applies to all motorists. Yutaka Kume, Nissan's president, has only one car because he has only one garage space, and he can drive only the company's mid-range Maxima model instead of the flagship Infiniti because his garage is too small to house the luxury model.

ROBERT HARDING



Tokyo jam: six million vehicles on the city's roads every day

A niche little earner



THE MAZDA MX-3 1.8i

Price — £15,449 (the 1.6i version costs £13,449).

Engine — 24-valve, 1.8-litre fuel-injected V6, with three-way catalytic converter as standard, for output of 134bhp.

Performance — 0 to 62mph in 8.5 seconds, top speed 126mph and fuel consumption around town of 25.4 miles to the gallon of unleaded.

ROADTEST

JAPAN is clever at spotting a niche and then filling it. Five years ago, when other car makers were intent on filling up car parks with boring saloons, Mazda made the MX-5, a little two-seater, which looked like a textbook English sports car. Buyers queued up in their thousands, particularly in the United States and in Britain *Kevin Eason writes.*

Now Mazda is trying to fill a niche vacated by one of its European competitors, Porsche. The 924, a little four-cylinder budget Porsche with pretty bodywork but not much performance, was dropped from the range. Mazda believes there is still a market for the buyer who wants to show off in a small sports coupé and has just launched the MX-3 in Britain.

Performance, as with the MX-5, is not the prime feature of the car, even though a host of rival models accelerate like a scalded cat.

Two engine sizes are available: a modest 1.6-litre, offering just 88bhp, and a remarkable 1.8-litre, claimed to be the world's smallest V6 production engine. Both cars come with anti-lock brakes as standard.

For such a small car, the MX-3, which has a V6 engine, is free of the usual noise and vibration associated with fierce four-cylinder competitors. Acceleration is zippy and the car, probably because of very low gearing, is very high-revving.

That leads to the MX-3's biggest drawback. The 11-gallon tank I discovered was good for a range of only about 220 miles.

The interior is relatively spartan but, unlike that of many coupés, is surprisingly roomy, easily carrying four adults and offering 50 litres of boot space. The exterior looks terrific. The MX-3 is just plain fun to drive and brings a smile to the faces of people who see it.

ROADWISE

Rover recycles

ROVER has signed a deal with the Bird Group to develop a recycling system for its old cars. The company has prided itself on its environmental policies in the past, but says it wants to reduce energy costs for manufacturing by 60 per cent and increase the reclaimable content of a Rover car from the present 75 per cent to a figure nearer 100 per cent.

103 miles a gallon

DAIHATSU has earned a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* after one of its little Charade 1.0-litre turbo-diesel models achieved 103 miles to the gallon. A team of three drivers took the car on a 3,621-mile journey around Britain, taking 169 hours, including rest stops, for the trip. The Charade used 35.155 gallons of fuel, about four tanks, costing £73.77, to average 103.1mpg.

Enduring Europe

ROVER and Proton have also been busy in endurance testing. A joint Metropolitan Police Motor Club and Rover team go into the *Guinness Book of Records* after driving through the 12 European Community nations in just 73 hours in a Rover 418 turbo-diesel. Members of the Lutterworth Round Table in Leicestershire, driving a Proton 1.5SE, managed 83 hours and eight minutes to cover the 4,000-mile trip.

Fancy that

WHEN the conversation lulls, entertain your friends with this bevy of motoring facts provided by the Automobile Association: 37 per cent of motorists drive fewer than 4,000 miles a year; only 19 per cent of motorists drive more than 19,000 miles annually; half buy their car from a garage and only 4 per cent at auctions; and Mr and Mrs Average drive just under 8,500 miles a year at an annual cost of £1,300 or 15.6p per mile.

Thanks a million

PEUGEOT this week celebrates its one millionth car registered in Britain since it began exporting from France in 1969. Most of the sales, more than 500,000, have been since 1986 when the company was in full production at Ryton, Coventry, and its share of the British market leapt from just 2 per cent to 7 per cent. The milestone car was presented to Mencap, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, which will offer it in a raffle, expected to raise £80,000.

Take a Seat

SPANISH executives at the London Motorfair at Earls Court this week were miffed that nobody could pronounce the name of their national car maker. MORI questioned 2,079 adults over the age of 15 for Seat to discover some furrowed brows and lip-curling versions of "Seet" and "Saat", but only a quarter achieved the correct pronunciation of "Sayat". Seat claims that the UK has the highest percentage of adults in Europe unable to recognise the word. Its Motorfair salesmen were careful about asking potential customers to take a seat while they discussed a deal.

Mild bunch

BIRMINGHAM shoppers need not worry that they are being invaded by a gang of Hell's Angels next Monday when more than 300 motorcycles will be ridden through the city centre to mark the International Motor Cycle Show

at the National Exhibition Centre. The motorcycles will represent 60 years of development, featuring such marques as AJS, BSA, Norton, Sunbeam and Ariel. The cavalcade leaves Cannon Hill park at 10.30am.

Renault revival

ALTHOUGH Renault is increasing prices by an average 1.4 per cent, the company has decided that the cost of many diesel models will remain unchanged in an effort to boost interest in the more economical cars. Renault's move comes against an optimistic background; sales in the six months since April moved up by 8 per cent against the market trend of a 21 per cent fall. That increase was achieved even though Renault stayed out of the discounting war going on between many of the other big manufacturers.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Ways to penalise offences on the rugby field

From Mr L. D. Kennedy

Sir, Last weekend the Rugby World Cup quarter-final games between France and England and between Ireland and Australia opened with scenes of violence which, if they had taken place off the field, might well have resulted in criminal charges. One of the England players was apparently knocked unconscious.

No punitive action was taken by the referees, nor immediately by the rugby authorities. After the France v England match it was also reported that the referee was abused and physically attacked, and yet again no quick action was forthcoming.

Contrast this with the action taken when Arsenal and Manchester United were involved in an unseemly brawl last season. Each club fined several players, and Arsenal their manager, and after an enquiry the Football Association fined both clubs and deducted league points.

Is one therefore to assume that when violence occurs in the hooligans' game, played by so-called gentlemen, it is considered acceptable, but in the gentlemen's game, played by so-called hooligans, severe punishment is meted out? In other words, there is one set of values for the so-called middle-class game and a stricter set of values for the so-called working-class game.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr J. Stratton

Sir, To compare physical behaviour on a rugby field to that in a street or pub is like trying to apply the laws of one country in another. Every sport is governed by its own laws and codes and except when players apply these off the field – as in the incident between the French coach, Dubroca, and the referee last Saturday – let us accept rugby on its own terms.

Changing the laws merely to satisfy the sensibilities of part-time enthusiasts will only damage the future of the game since these campaigners will never make up the backbone of the game which their antics are threatening to break.

Yours etc.,
JAMES STRATTON,
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From Mr Hereward Corley

Sir, The referee in rugby union seems to have become more like the conductor of an orchestra than a simple enforcer of the laws. He decides which laws he will concentrate on, in order to get the style of match he wants. His choice can make the difference between an exciting match and 80 minutes of tedium. In the end, the game may be reduced to the level of synchronised swimming, the points awarded, in the form of penalty kicks, to the team with the preferred style.

I do not mean to criticise referees, whose task is made almost impossible by the complexity of the laws. It seems clear that they must be drastically simplified, but this will not be easy. Meanwhile, the influence of the referee's decisions on the score, via the penalty and the place kicker, could be reduced. Some of today's kickers are virtually certain of scoring from anywhere in the opponents' half and the result of a match is often decided by penalties awarded for technical infringements, which nobody except the referee appears to understand.

I suggest that penalties should only be given for dangerous play; all other infringements should result in a free kick instead. The option of a quick tap and pass, followed by a dropped-goal attempt (as scored by Rob Andrew against New Zealand) would still be available, and requires sure handling, speed and balance, the essentials of the game. Let the result of a match depend on skill, rather than on which team adapts best to the referee's interpretation of the laws.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Anthony D. Samuels

Sir, If circumstances make rugby football insufferable (leading article, October 21), then let me extol a simple solution used by the National Football League in the United States for many years.

The burden placed on one referee is relieved entirely by virtue of seven officials being placed in strategic locations around the area of play. This removes the onus of potentially crucial and possibly erroneous decisions from the sole arbiter and makes for a more accurate reflection of rule interpretation for the crowd and television viewers.

Flags are thrown as soon as an offence is spotted by one of the referees, consultation then immediately takes place and, if the officials disagree among themselves, there is the facility of an instant-replay review by an official sitting in the stadium with access to high-speed videotape recordings showing different angles of the play in question.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Brian Dennis

Sir, Despite the violence on the pitch, it should be pointed out that there have been many thousands of supporters attending the matches in the Rugby World Cup, but not one reported incident of crowd violence.

In the past we have been told by "experts" that football crowd violence is attributable to the violence on the field, yet rugby followers seem able to behave themselves even after watching such displays.

Yours faithfully,
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Canvey Island, Essex.

England have to do better

From Mr Robert B. McCandless

Sir, Last week I watched on television 11 players representing England at football, who tried to bury the Turkish eleven at Wembley. Ten of the English team put on a performance that was pathetic.

All they could muster was one solitary goal. Oh yes, a good professional result, but there was no flair, no ball control, nobody to take the game by the scruff of the neck and produce something original. The number of backward passes and ineffectual sideways passes was beyond counting.

I have watched all the matches since the World Cup involving England, and am convinced that a malaise is creeping into the team. In fact, their continual offerings on the pitch are becoming a strain to watch. Who on earth is coaching them? The people I really feel sorry for are the folk who pay to watch them at Wembley.

England are too predictable. I have seen them on numerous occasions striving hard to break down the opposition, only to realise they are hitting a brick wall.

A good international side should always carry one man who has the gift of a key to unlock any door. His teammates will have no idea what he intends to do – neither will he, but he will sense the time has come and he will erupt. This is what we call genius. Somewhere within the football scene such a man exists. Find him!

Yours sincerely,
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The real world

From Professor Harry Smith

Sir, The article by Simon Barnes (October 21) on the welcome and refreshing effect of the participation of the Western Samoans in the Rugby World Cup began by chastening those who organise "world" competitions for teams hailing from narrow regional bases. Like Barnes, I used to believe that the baseball World Series, restricted as it is entirely to teams from the North American sub-continent, was the archetypal example of such sporting self-aggrandisement. On a recent visit to the United States, however, I learned a different story.

An old friend, who has lived for 30 years in Canada, pointed out that the World Series was originally sponsored by a now-defunct newspaper called, I understand, the *New York World*. Upon the paper's demise, the first two terms in the "New York World Series" were understandably dropped.

Yours faithfully,
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Lack of interest

From Mr Roger Batkin

Sir, I read with interest David Miller's article (October 19) concerning the lack of Australian media coverage of the Rugby World Cup.

I was in Australia during the World Cup of 1987 and saw the outstanding semi-final between Australia and France at the Concord Oval, Sydney. To my surprise, standing tickets were not on sale to the public before the game, but admission was by way of paying $11 at the gate, and this to a ground which had a capacity of less than 20,000.

It is a remarkable paradox that, although Australia is one of the dominant forces in world rugby, there is a surprising lack of public interest in the sport in their home country.

Yours faithfully,
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Sporting votes

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, Tom Pendry claimed (October 18) that the Labour party "gave Britain its first . . . minister for sport, Denis Howell." Nothing and nobody should diminish Mr Howell's undoubted success as the longest serving minister with responsibility for sport among his other admirable achievements.

Yet what Mr Pendry and others do not know is that the role emerged in circumstances which its creator, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, described in *The Door wherein I went* (page 207), an unlikely source for sporting information. There he wrote, of the period when he was minister for science and technology in the Macmillan cabinet during the early Sixties:

> It occurred during a cabinet meeting in which government responsibility for sport was being discussed. It was being said that, properly speaking, responsibility for sport was being shared between quite a number of departments and authorities, education, local government, universities, the services, and all the voluntary bodies . . . I pointed out that recreation generally presented a complex of problems out of which modern government was not wholly free to opt, and to which government funds were, in fact, and were likely to continue to be, committed in one way or another in coaching, in the provision of playing-fields, in matters of safety at racecourse and football grounds . . . I suggested that there was need, not for a ministry but for a focal point under a minister, for a coherent body of doctrine, perhaps even a philosophy of government encouragement . . . My eloquence had its effect on the prime minister and, before I knew where I was, I was left to organise the first government unit of this kind under Sir John Lang, who had been secretary of the Admiralty when I was First Lord.

In the near 30 intervening years no government has repeated Lord Hailsham's precedent of retaining the minister with such a high public profile and role of responsibility in the cabinet, and thereby allowed direct access to the Treasury.

With the Labour party first in the field with its *Charter for Sport*, is it possible that our sport-loving prime minister and the Liberal Democrat and former international sprinter, Menzies Campbell, will now enter a race to give teeth to what Lord Hailsham had the vision to conceive, and recognise that votes for sport can be a winner.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
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Stone unturned

From Mr P. J. A. Smith

Sir, Mr Robert S. Neil (October 17) questions whether, in the Dunhill Cup final, the referee was right to allow Gary Player to remove small stones from behind his ball, which lay on the road at the 18th.

The relevant rule is no. 23, which permits a player to remove any loose impediment, provided the ball is not in a hazard. The definition of loose impediment includes "stones . . . not solidly embedded". Except on the putting green, a player incurs a penalty stroke if his ball moves when he touches a loose impediment, and it was no doubt for this reason that Player, with the referee standing over him, used a matchstick to remove the stones with surgical care. The referee's decision was correct. Even if it had been wrong, it was final (rule 34-2).

A new edition of the Rules of Golf is due to come into force on January 1, but does not alter the provisions cited above.

Yours faithfully,
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For the committed

From Mr C. O. B. Meade-King

Sir, The match facts you published on the four Rugby World Cup quarter-finals (October 21) show that in the France v England game the stand-off halves passed the ball only nine times and Ireland v Australia produced 11 such passes.

Curiously, in adverse conditions New Zealand v Canada produced 15 stand-off half passes, while Western Samoa produced 17 on their own and Scotland six. Many matches in the World Cup have been tense and enthralling but not attractive rugby to watch for anyone other than the partisan.

Yours faithfully,
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Imperfect pitch

From Mr Andy Dunican

Sir, I feel that Robin Stieber's example of the 1970 Cup Final (October 17) containing only ten back-passes might be misleading.

Anyone there that day will remember the pitch as being probably the worst ever "prepared" by the Wembley authorities. Any kind of measured passing game that day was impossible and a back-pass would only have been used in the direst of circumstances.

Perhaps Fifa should sanction ill-prepared, soggy pitches if it is lottery fotball we are after.

Yours etc.,
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Unsporting driver

From Mr N. G. Porteus

Sir, I was disgusted by the unsporting antics of Ayrton Senna in the Japanese grand prix (report, October 21). He blatantly held back Nigel Mansell, and only when Mansell went out through error did Senna show us how he could drive. Wouldn't it have been more sporting and entertaining to show us this while Mansell was still in the race, especially as we had to get up at 4.50am.

Yours faithfully,
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Who's who?

From Mr J. M. Fleming

Sir, From the headline in this morning's *Times* (October 22) I learn that Kerry Fitzgerald is to referee "England's semi-final". I shall look forward to learning who will referee Scotland's semi-final.

Yours faithfully,
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PAUL WALTERS



Jumping to it: Desert Orchid clears a fence in great style on the way to finishing second at Wincanton yesterday

Desert Orchid pleases the crowd

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

FOR the thousands who made the journey to Wincanton yesterday, the 3.45 was more like a meeting of the faithful than a horse race.

The rural outpost in the gently rolling Somerset countryside has regularly drawn followers of National Hunt's favourite star as he starts out on each annual campaign. But yesterday had a special poignancy.

Not only was Desert Orchid competing for the first time in a race carrying his name, round a course where he has won six times, but he was almost certainly running there for the last time.

So they came in their droves. Grannies and grandchildren, townies and locals, racing fans and those who know only one thing about the sport swelled the gate to 5,400, more than double the normal attendance. They waited patiently as the first two races were run, some tempted by a stand selling assorted Dessie memorabilia ranging from stickers and badges costing 50p to golfing umbrellas in the grey and blue livery of owner Richard Burridge at £20.

As Cainsbridge Queen and Shayista fought out the finish of the third race, more people were round the parade ring than in the stands as they strained to catch a glimpse of the day's main attraction. Desert Orchid, once grey, is now speckled white, but otherwise the years have not exacted a heavy toll.

Of course, there was not the slightest chance that the 12-year-old could win. Rodney Boult made sure of that. Before yesterday, the head lad at David Elsworth's yard and Desert Orchid's work rider had been to watch the horse race five times in his career. Each time he had seen him beaten. By four o'clock, the run had been extended to six.

Desert Orchid looked much trimmer for his seasonal appearance compared to last year. Burridge made sure the horse was rationed to 22lb of food a day, most of it hay, during his summer break on the Yorkshire moors. The diet had worked.

The race itself was relatively straightforward. Sabin Du Loir, who triumphed over Desert Orchid in his first race last year, took the lead within 50 yards and was never headed for the remainder of the two mile five furlong trip.

But all eyes were on Richard Dunwoody and the horse who had previously exactly half of his 68 starts. Despite fiddling a couple of fences, his jumping was sound and, during the second circuit, close to his best.

Peter Scudamore won the race when he quickened up on Sabin Du Loir coming into the straight and poached a six-length lead. Dunwoody realistically accepted the position and completed a sympathetic ride on the 7-4 second favourite.

Elsworth, who watched the race from Newbury, commented: "He was outgunned by a fitter, better horse on the day. I am more pleased than I was this time last year."

The Whitsbury trainer nominated the Boxing Day Trial Chase over three miles at Kempton on November 20 as Desert Orchid's next engagement, followed by either the Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon or the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown.

Burridge added: "David is training this horse for the King George and he will have left plenty to work on. It was perfect in every respect, except he came second."

He confirmed this is probably the horse's final season, but is open minded about possible retirement dates. "We will take in just one race at a time. Around the middle of December we will make some kind of decision about whether we want to go on or not. It is up to the horse. He will tell David and his staff."

Yesterday's performance was sufficient for the bookmakers to make Desert Orchid 4-1 joint second favourite for the King George VI Rank Chase on Boxing Day, which he will be seeking to win for a fifth time. Corals offer 5-2 Blazing Walker, 4-1 Desert Orchid and Remittance Man, 5-1 Toby Tobias and 8-1 Sabin Du Loir.

Fabre extends winning run

By MICHAEL SEELY

ANDRE Fabre's golden autumn continued at Newbury yesterday when the success of Lion Cavern in the Vodaphone Horris Hill Stakes added Newbury's feature to the rich prizes that the master French trainer has already won in Britain recently with Toulon and Tel Quel.

Odds of 9-4 on were laid on the Middle Park Stakes runner-up and after Steve Cauthen had sent the colt to the front just inside the final two furlongs, the pair drew clear to beat Autocracy by two lengths.

This victory further secured Sheikh Mohammed's lead over Prince Fahd Salman at the head of the owners' table and he now looks likely to become Britain's leading owner for the sixth time in the past seven years.

Form linking Lion Cavern with Rodrigo De Triano and Arazi gives a definite advantage to the champion French two-year-old. But interestingly Ladbrokes, who offer Lion Cavern at 20-1 for the 2,000 Guineas, have the Breeders' Cup-bound Arazi as their 4-1 favourite only two points ahead of Rodrigo De Triano.

"We take the view that sending a two-year-old to the United States in November is quite an ordeal," said Mike Dillon. "Rodrigo De Triano, on the other hand, has been retired for the season and is being specially trained for the Guineas."

Sheikh Mohammed's luck has certainly turned with a vengeance. At the start of the afternoon the breathtaking victory of the previously unraced Katakana over another highly regarded newcomer, Cut Clear, saw Michael Stoute's Danzig filly installed favourite at 8-1 with William Hill for the 1,000 Guineas next spring.

Hills may have over-reacted but both Corals and Ladbrokes were also sufficiently impressed to offer 16-1 and 14-1 respectively. Backed for yesterday's race from 8-1 to 9-2, Katakana lengthened her stride impressively when overhauling the favourite inside the distance to win by two-and-a-half lengths.

However, although it appears unrealistic to rate a maiden winner in the same class as such experienced fillies as Marling, Culture Vulture and Hatoof, Stoute's record with fillies is exceptional.

There is no reason why yesterday's winner should not be in the same class as Heart Of Joy, who won this race three years ago before being so narrowly defeated by Salsabil in the classic the following spring.

Steve Cauthen, Mohammed's contract rider, continued in invincible form. The former champion showed all his formidable judgment and strength when driving John Gosden's Roger De Beriksted to a narrow victory over Bandol and Usa Dollar.

French raiders backed

POLAR Falcon was in demand yesterday for the Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs, Kentucky, tomorrow week (George Rae writes).

The colt, trained in France by John Hammond, was supported from 5-1 to 4-1 to add to victories this season in France at Evry and in the Lockinge Stakes and the Ladbroke Sprint Cup in Britain.

Hammond's other Breeders' Cup challenger, Dear Doctor, has been backed from 10-1 to 8-1 for the mile-and-a-half Turf race. The same contest also provided plenty of interest in David Elsworth's In The Groove, now 7-1 from 8-1.

"Dear Doctor and Polar Falcon are very well," Hammond said yesterday. "They travel on Tuesday and what we need is some luck in running."

Law Society examination results

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Winnard P (2nd Class Honours); Winstade G R T; Winstanley S; Winston D S; Winter M H (2nd Class Honours); Winters W M; Wisney M D (2nd Class Honours); Wise P F; Wiseman L; Withyman J A; Witney N R (1st Class Honours); Wix A C; Wolf P J (1st Class Honours); Wolf S; Wolfe D (2nd Class Honours); Wollen T H; Wolstenholme J R; Wolstencroft N C; Womack P J; Wong A P L (2nd Class Honours); Wong C W T; Wong G K A (1st Class Honours); Wong C Y; Wong C T; Wong F B F; Wong H S; Wong H Y P (2nd Class Honours); Wong K H P; Wong S (1st Class Honours); Wong W C (2nd Class Honours); Wong W M (1st Class Honours); Wong W W K; Wong W H H; Woo S S M; Wood A T; Wood A M (2nd Class Honours); Wood C J; Wood C J; Wood I E (2nd Class Honours); Wood J L (1st Class Honours); Wood O R; Wood P S (2nd Class Honours); Wood R E; Wood S A (2nd Class Honours); Wood S L (1st Class Honours); Wood S A; Wood S J; Wood T W; Woodcraft J; Woodger M; Woodhouse A E (1st Class Honours); Woodhouse G A; Woods G; Woods J; Woods S; Woodward J; Woodworth A; Woolf C E; Woolf J (2nd Class Honours); Woolhall A A; Woollier K A; Wootton K J (2nd Class Honours); Wortley J P; Wotton C A (1st Class Honours); Wormald P G; Wormstone A M (2nd Class Honours); Wornham T; Worrall T M (2nd Class Honours); Wrankmore J; Wray L C; Wright C B (2nd Class Honours); Wright D T (1st Class Honours); Wright G M (2nd Class Honours); Wright J R C (1st Class Honours); Wright M P; Wright N J; Wright P J T; Wright T J (2nd Class Honours); Wu H K; Wurzal J G (2nd Class Honours); Wyatt A R (2nd Class Honours); Wycherley J L (2nd Class Honours); Wymer C M (2nd Class Honours); Wynn M M; Wynn-Jones H; Wynne A P D; Wynter C D G (2nd Class Honours); Wyvill R M

Yalden J M B; Yang M M-J; Yap H Y; Yates S L; Yau T; Yeates J; Yelland J E (2nd Class Honours); Yeo H J; Yeung K-W; Yeung M-S; Yeung Y M; Yeung Y K; Yip K W H; Yiu C Y W; Yoofoe V J L; Young L C Y (1st Class Honours); York K M (2nd Class Honours); Young C J (2nd Class Honours); Young I M; Young J K (2nd Class Honours); Young J; Young L J (2nd Class Honours); Young P G; Youngs P J; Young R M (2nd Class Honours); Young S (2nd Class Honours); Young S M; Young S M; Yu C (2nd Class Honours); Yu H; Yu S M; Yung L

Zyngier A; Zelouf A (2nd Class Honours); Ziff J M (2nd Class Honours); Zilman N M; Zoi F Y; Zschornack S; Zubair Z S; Zulinqar N

Referrals

The following students were successful in one or more papers, but have not yet completed the Final Examination

Abbott M; Acheson C M; Ahmad Z; Ahuja S; Akhtar U; Al-Khafaji R; Alam M L; Alexander M A; Alexandrou M; Allen V; Allick K; Allwood J; Alston A C; Anwar B; Arroyou F A; Armstrong M D; Arnold R; Arthur N J; Asnarez M J; Atkinson C M; Atkinson P D; Ayles P J; Ayre V F

Baba N S; Bachu P N; Baglietto B A; Bailey W A; Baker A L; Balls A J; Banaszczyk M L; Banks T E; Bann P R; Barnett C M J; Barrett A A; Batchelor J M; Beaton M J; Beckley M S; Bedell M W; Beer S L; Bekhe N A; Benn M; Berman F R; Bernard C J; Bernstein L S; Bess N S; Beswick S; Betush P A; Bezant J; Bigley B S; Bijlani R; Bilton J; Blomfield A C L; Bolc A K; Bond S J; Bonney-James I C; Bott J R; Boustead L A; Boyle J A; Boyt R N; Bradley S C; Brabbins P D; Brandon C A; Britain R P; Broughton K J; Brown M W; Brown R H; Brownlie J M; Budd I A; Bull T A; Bullick S M; Burland L; Burrows D M; Burstow A M; Byrne P K

Cabral G C; Cameron J J; Campbell-Taylor R H; Cannings N; Cardona G M; Cargill M E; Carter D A; Cartledge B M; Chan J T Y; Chan P H; Chan W R; Chana J S; Chandler C E; Chandler S E; Cheng W F; Cheung K C D; Chi P-H; Chouler P J; Christell J; Clark J E; Clark R M; Clay S L; Clayton K S; Clifford P E; Clifton S; Coates W G; Cohen D K; Cohen P; Colman J S; Connell N V; Connor R J S; Contractor A; Cooper D G; Cooper G M; Cooper S L; Corren P; Costley A M; Coulson A C; Cowley D N; Cox M A; Critchley S; Cockson J L; Cumming S J N; Currie K S L; Cusack L N; Cutcher V S C; Czerny Z

Dabagher U M T; Daley J M; Dalling R; Daniel E-M; Dare S J; Davies J C; Davies R E; Davies S E; Davies S H R; Davis C D; Dawes J T; De Vere Mates N J; Debenham K A; Denby R M; Desai T; Dolcebo B E; Dorta-Raj U; Dow C A; Downie G R; Drinkwater S; Duah A; Duffley R P; Dye L H

Earle-Hutton C C; Eckersley R G; Eckley P L; Edwards A M; Edwards M A; Edwards M D; Ekwuru C U; Elkins I M; Elliott R F; Ellis A; Elmitt R M C; Elstub A E A S; Enobakhare H A; Esmail A N; Evans P S L; Evans C; Evans S A G; Everleigh R J

Farcich C J; Fleming M L; Farrar P A; Farrell P J D; Feltham R H; Fenny J S U; Ferguson A W J; Fernandes S A; Fisher G A; Fisher J M; Fisher M J; Flaherty P D P; Flynn S T; Forbes - Ade F M A; Fraser N C; Freeman S H; French A E J

Gamble F C; Garland A N; Gaughan S A; Gay R; Gaynor N J; Gee T P; Ghai R; Gill G S; Gillatt G M A; Gillies M C P; Gisselton P D; Glen P K K; Glenville M J; Goldberg D H; Golvala C; Gordon A T J; Goodley L; Gor B; Gordon V D; Graham D J; Graham J; Greaves D F M; Greenwood V M; Griffiths H C; Grimsley S; Guss L A

Haddad M A; Hall I T; Halsted D S; Hampden C I; Hanles D R; Haralambous S; Hardwidge E M; Harris D J P; Harrison L; Harrison S A; Harvey M J; Harvey P J P; Hatton B A; Haworth D M; Hayes A U; Hayter M; Hayward J C; Hedger R M; Hemingway R; Hendley A J; Henny C J; Heywood L; Hickey J D; Hillan S L; Hobbs A G M; Hoddle D G; Hope J C M; Houghton L M; Howard A M; Hubbard K L; Hughes K J; Hugo C J; Hunt-Davis M N; Hurd D T; Harwood S; Hussain R; Hussain S G; Hussain S; Hyam A E

Ighigovia E M; Irvine P J; Isherwood F J; Ivory R J

Jackson J C; James S H; Jassy M J; Jeffcock C V; John S; Johnson I L; Johnson M J; Jones E S; Josephides S A; Juul P J

Kaim Z; Keane D M; Kelly M T; Kendall J R; Khalique A; Khan V; Khanna S; Kharran D A; Killen S A; Kirton A A; Knight D A; Kong B

Last L M A S T; Lau C C A E; Laidlaw C A; Lambert R; Lall N K; Lam K-H; Lancaster R; Leberday-Towell S; Lee B A; Leech W F; Leigh A J; Lewis A; Lewis A J; Lewis E T; Lewis E D; Lewis M J A; Lim W K M; Lindsay C; Lipsitt C A; Liversidge S C; Lloyd E M; Lloyd O T; Lobo L M; Loveday P J; Lowe J

Mackintosh D J; Maddrell J B; Mahindra A K; Mahmood J; Malik N-U-S; Mandla G S; Manby J A; Manjaloman J R; Manns G M; Marshall S; Marsland M A; Martin-Moreno J F; Marwick K E; Mason A J; Mayes G A; Mazzocato S; McAllinden P; McCarthy G A; McConaghy C J; McCrea A C; McKee R J; McKissack S L; McLaughlin E F; McLean A L; Meli A J; Mewawalla S; Miner J S; Mission R H; Mollmeaux M K; Monjezeaux N R; Morris G M; Morshead S; Moreland J M; Morgan A D; Morgan S J; Morris D S; Morris P S G; Morris S M; Morrissey E L; Morrow L C; Morrow M J S; Moynihan M E; Muirhead M J P; Munro R I; Murphy M M; Murray L; Murrell J R; Muskin D J; Mychalkiw A

Naylor F M; Newright C W; Newman S; Newton D A; Ng W L; Ni Chroinin E M; Nicholson D M; Nicklen H; Nicoll A L; Norton D G; Norton K; Nwokedi F A

O'Brady K S L; O'Donovan M E B; O'Neill S M G; Oatley K M; Ogden K A; Oates H E; Odama G H; Ogg G K C; Orchard D; Osmani S J; Owen M J; Owen P A

Page S M; Pailthaman S G; Pan C C P; Pawchuk V; Peang K-L E; Perrott H M; Perrowne L; Pescall G A; Peskin T A-S; Patel H; Patel H; Patel T; Pawlowski D; Pearson S A; Pendower K A-M; Pegon N; Pegrum T E; Pearson J A; Pinister J; Pollitt H E; Pollon M P; Prabhat T H S; Pinnock M G; Pinto R-A M-T; Pitt A J; Pol M C-Y; Powell R; Porter S A; Pratt A J; Price A M; Pritchard A M; Pritchard D J; Prosser D L; Purdy J L

Quraishi R

Radia S; Ragoz T V; Ramsey R A; Redhead L K; Rees J M; Reilly K T; Remedios C E; Richard P P; Richards G E; Riddoch J; Ritchie J G; Robinson M; Roestenburg A M; Rogers Y D; Rose A M; Ross J A; Rostron A-M; Rouse L J; Rovnal N; Rumens M B; Ruck N S; Ruparelia N P

Sabota J; Saleem M; Salihi A; Salter A J; Sampson A M; Sampson E; Sanderson W H; Sandhu S S; Sandilands J C; Scott C H; Scott J D; Shafiq S; Shah S M; Sharif M; Shaw W; Sheehan T A; Sheward K L; Shewring J G; Shiels M P; Singh B; Sinker C L; Skinner R S; Slee S W; Smith A; Smith E; Smith M M; Smith M R; Saunders C S; Soderstrom J S; Spalding G J; Splaine L M; Spinde K G; Sprague P C D; Stal R S; St Bernard J R; Stenning D M; Streatham B M; Surstiger K D R; Sussman A; Sutherland C J; Sykes S M

Tagg M A; Tailor B; Tarr F W; Taylor J D; Taylor P D; Tin H L J; Titcomb A B; Toms B S O; Topiwala A; Twite J G T; Townsend C A; Trevillion R E; Tsiay J H; Tyrrell E V A; Tsang H-Y A; Tsang C; Turner J L

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Varney H J; Vinnel B F; Venables G R; Vickers A C I; Vincent N; Voss M E O

Wadera S; Wakefield B A; Wallis L G; Walmsley J E; Walters K J; Wang A; Wardle C M; Whalley S J; White J E; White P A; Whitlock J C; Whitworth S C; Tse T; Williams J E P; Williams M A; Williams P; Wilson B M; Wilson M; Winfieldale R E; Wingate C E; Winston J M; Wong C S; Wood A J; Woodrow A J; Wright J

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Leaflets broke car park by-law

Hickman v Chichester District Council

Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment October 17]

A person who placed an advertising leaflet under the windscreen wiper of a car in a council car park was using the car for a purpose in connection with trade or business and was guilty of an offence contrary to article 15 of the District Council of Chichester (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 1981 and section 35(4) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

The offence was committed when the defendant (i) used the vehicle for a business or trade purpose while it was in the parking place and (ii) intended such purpose to be advanced by the presence of the vehicle.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated against the conviction of David Clive Hickman by Chichester Justices on June 1, 1990 for breaching the order. He had been conditionally discharged and ordered to pay £150 costs.

Article 15 of the 1981 Order provides: "No person shall use a vehicle, while it is in a parking place, for any purpose in connection with trade or business or for any form of advertisement."

Mr Dominic Dudkowski for the appellant; Mr Charles S. Taylor for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said the verb "to use" was one of the most common in the language. It had different shades of meaning. Like any other word it had to be construed in the context in which it appeared.

Some of the provisions of the 1981 Order were directed to drivers, but others, including prohibitions on shouting or making a loud noise, using threatening, abusive or insulting language and sleeping or camping overnight, were directed to persons in general.

The prohibition in article 15 was not confined to drivers.

His Lordship rejected a submission that the article was intended to cover only those who had a measure of control, management or operation over a vehicle.

That submission had been based on *Nicol v Leech* ([1972] RTR 476) and *Brown v Roberts* ([1965] 1 QB 1), cases concerned with the use of motor vehicles without insurance. The context there required a narrower interpretation of the word "use".

However, some limitation on the apparently wide words was intended. Motor manufacturers displayed the company's name on their cars. Some suppliers attached a small sticker to the rear window; others put their name and telephone number on the number plate. Tradesmen commonly displayed their names, occupations and telephone numbers on their vans.

All that was done for a "purpose in connection with trade or business". Yet it could not have been the council's intention that those common practices should lead to contravention of article 15.

A provision designed to embrace them would, in any event, have been outside the council's powers, which were only to make provision as to the use of parking places provided for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic.

Nor could the council have intended to catch the commercial representative who left his car in the car park while he called at a number of shops in the course of his work.

The article must be intended to prevent someone from selling goods from his car boot while in the car park or from using someone else's vehicle to assist the sale of his goods, for example by putting baskets of fruit on top of someone else's car.

His Lordship did not accept Mr Taylor's submission that the wide interpretation of "use" should be adopted because the council had a discretion as to whether or not to prosecute. The citizen was entitled to know what he could and could not lawfully do.

In his Lordship's judgment, the intention of article 15 was to prohibit the conduct or promotion of trade or business from the presence of vehicles in parking places.

For a contravention to be established the defendant must, either personally or through an agent: (i) use the vehicle for a business or trade purpose while it was in the parking place and (ii) intend such purpose to be advanced by the presence of the vehicle in the parking place.

The manufacturer and the supplier were not within the article because the presence of their names on the vehicles owed nothing or almost nothing to the fact that from time to time those vehicles were likely to visit off-street car parks.

The fact that the tradesman's name was painted on his van would ordinarily owe nothing to the fact that it was parked in a car park.

But a car boot seller, or a man selling fruit from a basket placed on someone else's car would be caught, as would the man who built a contraption on top of his car, attached a business advertisement to it, drove the car to the car park and left it there for everyone to see.

The appellant or his agent had used a vehicle to hold under a windscreen wiper a leaflet advertising his business, intending it to be seen by the driver and perhaps by other users of the car park. He had been rightly convicted.

Lord Justice Neill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Staffurth & Bray, Bognor Regis; Mr Peter R. Brown, Chichester.

Sirrah Jay to make fitness tell

AFTER making a successful start to the season at Worcester 13 days ago, Sirrah Jay appeals as the likely winner of the Glynwed International Handicap Chase at Newbury this afternoon. He is my nap.

That victory was particularly meritorious for two reasons. Toby Balding, who took over the training of the 11-year-old from Reg Akehurst when he moved to Whitcombe Manor in the spring, felt that the race would be needed after a summer's rest, and the distance was short of today's two-and-a-half miles over which Sirrah Jay won three times last season.

In the circumstances, Sirrah Jay excelled at Worcester under a fine ride from Adrian Maguire when beating the gambled-on favourite, Monumental Lad, by a short head. Significantly, the connections of Monumental Lad have decided against taking on Sirrah Jay here, even though the handicapper had re-adjusted the weight difference between them. Also, Sirrah Jay is now the only member of today's six-strong field who has had a race this season.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

While Espy, who won the Leisure Thinking Sink Chase on the corresponding day last year, has shown that he is capable of giving his best first time out, I feel Sirrah Jay will be the fittest in the field and can make the most of that advantage.

Discussing the race with me yesterday, Nick Gaselee, the trainer of Mr Entertainer, who won over today's course and distance in March, said that his grey eight-year-old had done so well out at grass this summer he felt that he was bound to come on for the run.

Clara Mountain, from Tim Forster's in-form yard, is always a force to be reckoned with at Newbury while Joint Sovereignty won the corresponding race two years ago. Since he appears to have gone downhill since, everything points to Sirrah Jay keeping up his good work.

While Country Diary (4.20) looks another likely winner for the Toby Balding stable, travelling companion On His Own could be foiled by the race-fit Classic Statement, trained by Richard Lee, in the October Handicap Hurdle.

Bookcase, who made a winning debut over jumps at Newbury last autumn, will take on his two opponents for the Flavel-Leisure Four-Year-Old Hurdle in good shape having won at the Flat at Goodwood four weeks ago.



Balding: sound prospects of a Newbury double

At Devon and Exeter, a David Nicholson-Richard Dunwoody double looks likely thanks to Banker's Gossip (3.00) and Springholm (4.00).

Today's only meeting on the Flat is at Doncaster, where that mecurial four-year-old Spinning certainly has the form to take the Doncaster Writers Stakes provided as everything goes right for him. Kasayid is nominated as the probable danger.

Wolfhound, from the in-form Newmarket stable of John Gosden, looks a sound bet to win the Wheatley Park Graduation Stakes following his good first race at Redcar nine days ago, in which he held off Mainly Me with something in hand.

NEWBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Classic Statement.	2.00 Classic Statement.	4.50 PEACE KING (nap).
2.35 Huso.	2.35 Huso.	
3.10 SIRRAH JAY (nap).	3.10 Pendennis.	
3.45 Bookcase.	3.45 Wolver Gold.	
4.20 Country Diary.	4.20 COUNTRY DIARY (nap).	
4.50 Welsh Bard.	4.50 Peace King.	
5.20 Knightly Argus.	5.20 Cruise Control.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 WELSH BARD.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.00 OCTOBER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,470: 3m 120yd) (6 runners)

101	2/F2113-	ON HIS OWN 328 (D,F,G) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) G Balding 5-12-0	A Maguire (5)	89
102	11/0F00-	AUK EYE 247 (G,S) (Mrs H Richards) K White 7-10-13	A Charlton	—
103	0315-13	CLASSIC STATEMENT 9 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) R Lee 5-10-5	W McFarland	● 89
104	00102-8	RAGLAN ROAD 15 (F) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 7-10-0	—	92
105	1455/2P	STONEY CREEK 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Chambers) K Bailey 11-10-0	A Tory	94
106	454-F13	STORMWATCH 13 (G,S) (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 8-10-0	D Meade (7)	95

Long handicap: Raglan Road 9-8, Stoney Creek 9-7, Stormwatch 9-5.

BETTING: 5-4 Classic Statement, 13-8 On His Own, 5-1 Raglan Road, 8-1 Stormwatch, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ON HIS OWN 4l 3rd of 16 to Catch The Cross in Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good to soft) handicap hurdle last December; previously beat Bowcan Chieftain 9l in Ascot (3m, good to firm) handicap hurdle. AUK EYE tailed off 8th of 9 to Run For Free in grade II Regency Hurdle at Warwick (2m 5f, good to soft) in February; latest beat Gunner Mac 9l in 23 runner Ayr (2m 6f, heavy) handicap hurdle last April. CLASSIC STATEMENT 12l 3rd of 6 to Sweet Glow in Cheltenham (2m 7f 110yd, good to firm) handicap hurdle. RAGLAN ROAD 17½l 5th of 8 to Tomahawk at Wincanton (2m, good to firm); earlier 11l 2nd of 11 to Sacrocenct in Wincanton (2m 5f, firm) handicap hurdle in April. STONEY CREEK 12l 2nd of 10 to Mo Ichi Do in Uttoxeter (3m, good) selling handicap hurdle on penultimate start. STORMWATCH beat Hard To Hold 7l at Stratford (2m 6f, good). Selection: CLASSIC STATEMENT (nap)

2.35 FALCON CATERING EQUIPMENT NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,945: 2m 100yd) (8 runners) BBC2

201	5120	CAROLE'S KING 13 (D,F) (Mrs C Viney) W Carter 11-5	G McCourt	—
202		HUSO 20F (G Cole) P Haslam 11-0	J Callaghan	—
203		MOUFAJAH 21F (M Curley) J O'Shea 11-0	D Byrne	—
204		OUR SLIMBRIDGE 10F (Mrs S Foster) C Williams 11-0	A Carroll	—
205	42	SIR DANCELOT 16 (M Watson) R Simpson 11-0	G Bradley	—
206	0	TRAVELLING BLUES 23 (P Blockley) P Blockley 11-0	P Midgley (7)	—
207		TURBO-R 24F (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 11-0	Lorna Vincent	—
208		WHIPPERS DELIGHT 112F (S Tindall) G Charles-Jones 11-0	A Maguire (5)	—

BETTING: 2-1 Travelling Blues, 11-4 Sir Dancelot, 9-2 Carole's King, Huso, 7-1 Moufajah, 14-1 others.

1990: KIBREET 10-11 P Holley (5-1) D Elsworth 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAROLE'S KING 4l 9th of 18 to Jamestown Boy in Bangor (2m, good) novice hurdle. Previously 11 2nd of 5 to Colorado Insight in Market Rasen (2m 1f, firm) novice hurdle. HUSO, fair handicapper on Flat, beat Pentridge ½l in 11-runner Wolverhampton (1m 200yd, good) handicap in June. MOUFAJAH, fair form on Flat, 6¼l 4th of 13 to Literary Spark in Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) claimer. OUR SLIMBRIDGE, modest performer on Flat, 11l 4th of 18 to Pearly Story in Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm) seller. SIR DANCELOT 10l 2nd of 16 to Shamshom Al Arab in Plumpton (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle. TRAVELLING BLUES 19l 7th of 18 to Golden Gunner in Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) novice hurdle. Selection: SIR DANCELOT

3.10 GLYNWED INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£6,394: 2m 4f) (6 runners) BBC2

301	12P143-	ESPY 163 (CD,F,G,S) (R A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) C Brooks 8-11-12	G Bradley	● 99
302	1F104P-	MR ENTERTAINER 174 (CD,G,S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 8-11-8	B Powell	92
303	361241-	CLARA MOUNTAIN 196 (CD,F,G,S) (S Salmsbury) T Forster 12-11-4	H Davies	97
304	65300F-	JOINT SOVEREIGNTY 202 (CD,F,G,S) (Joint Partnership) R Dickin 11-11-2	S Earle	96
305	32/3128-	PENDENNIS 303 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Lord Pembroke) N Henderson 8-11-0	J White	92
306	12513-1	SIRRAH JAY 13 (D,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) G Balding 11-10-11	A Maguire (5)	94

BETTING: 9-4 Sirrah Jay, 11-4 Pendennis, 4-1 Espy, 9-2 Clara Mountain, 7-1 Mr Entertainer, 14-1 Joint Sovereignty.

1990: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 8-10-5 C Maude (3-1) P Hobbs 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ESPY 30¼l 3rd of 6 to Tartan Tailor in Perth (3m, good) chase in April; earlier beat Gold Cap 10l in Windsor (3m, good to soft) chase in February. MR ENTERTAINER broke blood vessel when pulled up behind Auntie Dot in Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good) handicap chase in May; earlier 8l beating of Star Nastie in 8-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good) in March. CLARA MOUTAIN beat Knock Hill ½l in 8-runner Wincanton (2m 5f, good) chase in April. JOINT SOVEREIGNTY 8th of 12 to High Edge Grey in Kelso (3m 4f, soft) amateur handicap chase in February. PENDENNIS 2½l 2nd of 5 to Docklands Express in Lingfield (3m, good) handicap chase in December; previously beat Al Hashimi 21½l in 6-runner handicap chase over course and distance (firm) with CLARA MOUNTAIN (8lb better off) tailed off 6th. SIRRAH JAY beat Monumental Lad sh hd in 8-runner Worcester (2m, good) handicap chase; previously 3½l 3rd of 7 to The Fruit in Plumpton (2m 4f, good) handicap chase. Selection: ESPY

3.45 FLAVEL-LEISURE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,800: 2m 100yd) (3 runners) BBC2

401	1250-	BOOKCASE 21F (CD,G) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 11-0	P Holley	87
402	111113	VAIN PRINCE 9 (D,F) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 11-0	G McCourt	● 99
403	225-341	WOLVER GOLD 8 (D,F) (A Roberts) J Roberts 10-9	B Powell	86

BETTING: 8-13 Vain Prince, 6-4 Bookcase, 14-1 Wolver Gold.

1990: SPRING HAY 4-11-0 R Dunwoody (9-2) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOOKCASE best effort when 4l 2nd of 5 to Hopscotch at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm); latest beat Grove Serendipity nk at Goodwood (1m 4f, good). VAIN PRINCE 4l 3rd of 9 to Shu Fly in Wetherby (2m, good to firm) handicap hurdle. WOLVER GOLD easily best Sunday Jim 12l in 13-runner Taunton (2m 110yd, good to firm) novice hurdle. Selection: VAIN PRINCE

4.20 LEISURE THINKING SINK CHASE (£3,622: 2m 4f) (5 runners) BBC2

501	34P134	VANTARD 10 (B,F) (Mrs J Jorden) Mrs J Jorden 9-11-8	M Sherrat (7)	83
502	R82F0-4	SHAH'S CHOICE 10 (F,S) (A Skidmore) C Popham 8-11-2	S Burrough	88
503	F02511-	COUNTRY DIARY 164 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Bare) G Balding 8-11-1	R Guest	88
504	430-0F2	KAMBALITY 11 (A Barrett) V Bowens 6-10-11	M Flynn	—
505	018000-	RECORD FLIGHT 188 (D,F,S) (F Crumpler) G Ham 7-10-11	B Powell	● 99

BETTING: 8-4 Kambality, 2-1 Country Diary, 7-2 Shah's Choice, 8-1 Record Flight, 12-1 Vantard.

1990: ESPY 7-11-10 P Scudamore (11-8) C Brooks 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

VANTARD 23l last of 4 to Dancing River in Sedgefield (2m 4f, good to firm) novice chase. SHAH'S CHOICE 11¼l 4th of 7 to Midfielder in Devon (2m 1f, good to firm) novice chase. COUNTRY DIARY beat A Lad Insane eh hd in 8-runner Towcester (2m5f 110yd, good to firm) novice chase. KAMBALITY 2nd beaten 21½l by Southern Supreme (gave 5lb) at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). RECORD FLIGHT well-beaten 7th of 10 to Mighty Falcon in Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm) novice chase on last start over fences. Selection: COUNTRY DIARY

4.50 SEVEN BARROWS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,249: 2m 100yd) (5 runners)

601	301P50-	WELSH BARD 198 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 7-11-10	G Bradley	● 99
602	512213-	PEACE KING 160 (D,BF,F,G) (Lady Brown) G Harwood 5-10-11	M Perrett	88
603	22111F-	LE TEMERAIRE 293 (D,F,G,S) (D Douglas) N Tinkler 5-10-9	G McCourt	85
604	2/31381-	CRYSTAL BEAR 203 (D,S) (Lady Knudsford) T Forster 6-10-4	J Railton	90
605	312-	PUFF PUFF 43F (F) (Mrs J Froome) Miss S Sanders 5-10-0	D Murphy	83
606	F-43113	XHAI 6 (B,D,F,G) (Darlam Racing) R Simpson 9-10-0 (6ex)	A Maguire (5)	72

Long handicap: Puff Puff 9-8, Xhai 8-3.

BETTING: 7-4 Le Temeraire, 9-4 Peace King, 7-2 Crystal Bear, 13-2 Welsh Bard, 14-1 Puff Puff, 16-1 Xhai.

1990: HARD AS IRON 7-10-2 R Dunwoody (7-4 fav) M Tompkins 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELSH BARD 30l last of 8 to Stratford Ponds in Ascot (2m, good) handicap hurdle; earlier beat Danny Harold 15l at Wincanton (2m, good). PEACE KING 9l 3rd of 5 to Tom Clapton in Warwick (2m, good to firm) handicap hurdle; previously beat PUFF PUFF (same terms) 6l at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to firm). LE TEMERAIRE beat Blackbourg 15l at Wetherby (2m, soft) on penultimate start. CRYSTAL BEAR beat Alford 8l in 7-runner Devon (2m 1f, good to soft) handicap hurdle. XHAI 41¼l 3rd of 8 to Docker in Stratford (2m, good) handicap hurdle. Selection: PEACE KING

5.20 EBF STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,002: 2m 100yd) (25 runners)

1		ADAMS ROW (E Thorbek) N Henderson 5-11-0	P Thompson (7)	—
2		BROWN SAUCE (D Sieff) N Henderson 5-11-0	J Kavanagh (3)	—
3	4-	CHARLIE MINGUS 181 (BF) (Mrs S Alexander) M Robinson 4-11-0	Mr K Comerford (7)	—
4		CRUISE CONTROL (K Hollowell) M Wilkinson 5-11-0	Mr K Hollowell	—
5		DAWN CHANCE (G Sneil) R Hodges 5-11-0	P Verling (5)	—
6	6-	ILE DE SOO 295 (BF) (Ash Racing) S Sherwood 5-11-0	K O'Shea (7)	—
7	2-	KNIGHTLY ARGUS 167 (South Wales Argus Ltd) S Sherwood 4-11-0	A S Smith	—
8		MAJOR WASSER (Miss J Doidge) G Doidge 5-11-0	Mr R Darke (7)	—
9		MINE'S AN ACE (D Barons) D Barons 4-11-0	NON-RUNNER	—
10		MISTY (G Cleaver) T Forster 4-11-0	Mr R Fennant (7)	—
11		MR TITTLE TATTLE (Mrs J Newton) K Bailey 5-11-0	Mr M Armytage	—
12		NATIVE PRIDE (Mrs I Steinmann) K Bailey 4-11-0	Mrs T Bailey	—
13		NO HAND SIGNALS (C Hamblin) J Moore 5-11-0	A Maguire (5)	—
14	04/	RED MATCH 602 (T Pocock) R Pocock 5-11-0	R Greene (5)	—
15	0-	ROYAL SAXON 186 (Mrs J Pentherer) Miss H Knight 5-11-0	Mr J Durkan	—
16		SASKIA'S HERO (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 4-11-0	N Smith (5)	—
17	5-	SPIKEY 206 (S Powell) J Jenkins 5-11-0	—	—
18	0-	STRONTINO 356 (G Johnson) M Robinson 6-11-0	P Barnard (3)	—
19	08/	THE LAST BUT ONE 580 (D Wintle) D Wintle 5-11-0	Mr R Davis (7)	—
20		WELLY SLUSHY (Lord Hartington) Miss H Knight 4-11-0	P Davies (7)	—
21		DEAR AMELIA (D Ladhams) R Hodges 5-10-9	Mr H Rowsell (7)	—
22		FLIGHT OF SONG (Mrs M Strong) D Wintle 4-10-9	C Gibbons (7)	—
23	0	RAGLAN LADY 28 (Mrs A Evans) A James 4-10-9	R Bellamy (5)	—
24		RIVER STREAM (Miss S Cornish) Mrs J Ratter 4-10-9	M A Fitzgerald (7)	—
25	6-	SALLY PIGTAILS 151 (Mrs A Penney) A J Wilson 5-10-9	S Wynne (7)	—

BETTING: 7-2 Brown Sauce, 4-1 Knightly Argus, 5-1 Mine's An Ace, 8-1 Cruise Control, Mr Tittle Tattle, 10-1 Ile De Soo, 12-1 Charlie Mingus, Misty, 14-1 Native Pride, Welly Slibby, 16-1 Strontino, 20-1 others.

1990: DUSTY MILLER 4-10-7 A S Smith (14-1) S Sherwood 24 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	5	13	38.5	P Holley	8	36	22.2
M Robinson	3	12	25.0	M Perrett	11	56	19.6
T Forster	12	50	24.0	G McCourt	10	55	18.2
C Brooks	10	44	22.7	P Verling	3	18	16.7
N Gaselee	8	47	19.1	H Davies	11	77	14.3
D Barons	8	42	19.0	J White	8	47	12.8

DONCASTER

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.55 Wise Move.	1.55 Noble Cause.	3.25 Scales Of Justice.
2.25 Spinning.	2.25 Spinning.	4.25 Wolfhound.
2.55 Imco Classic.	2.55 Imco Classic.	
3.25 Scales Of Justice.	3.25 Scales Of Justice.	
3.55 Satin Lover.	3.55 Kijafa.	
4.25 Wolfhound.	4.25 Wolfhound.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.55 Mahool. 3.55 Kijafa. 4.25 WOLFHOUND (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 6f-7f, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M RND, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.55 CANTLEY PARK SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,762: 1m rnd) (20 runners)

1	(4)	841228	UP THE PUNJAB 9 (D,F) (R Hawthorn) S Dow 9-7	T Quinn	92
2	(17)	0550	MUSKET SUCCESS 17 (N McCarthy) E Eldin 9-5	B Raymond	—
3	(14)	052003	BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 11 (Mrs R Trietus) P Mitchell 8-3	A Clark	80
4	(1)	000	HEART FLUTTER 28 (C Wilmot-Smith) J Hetherton 9-2	J Lowe	80
5	(11)	445000	SHARP AS YOU LIKE 9 (R Bedding) J Etherington 9-0	L Dettori	93
6	(20)	06024	COURTING NIECE 6 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 8-0	S Cauthen	91
7	(3)	508030	GREEN'S EXHIBIT 38 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) R Akehurst 9-0	T Williams	88
8	(18)	055402	WISE MOVE 16 (BF) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	J Weaver (7)	95
9	(19)	8400	CUE DIRECTORS 20 (M Clynes Associates Ltd) W Pearce 8-10	L Charnock	80
10	(15)	0050	MOOR LODGE 8 (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 8-9	R Cochrane	80
11	(8)	633505	NOBLE CAUSE 27 (M Bennett) R Earnshaw 8-9	J Carroll	89
12	(6)	5050	MURRAY WALKER 21 (G A Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6	A McGlone	● 99
13	(12)	044440	OUR JOHN 56 (A Tillikirou) Ron Thompson 8-5	A Proud	80
14	(10)	0000	DARAWI 20 (B) (J Wolf) J Payne 8-4	A Cruz	84
15	(9)	500030	ENERGIC 6 (John FitzGerald) John FitzGerald 8-2	N Kennedy (5)	91
16	(13)	000500	BROUGHTON'S TANGO 8 (Broughton Thermal Insulation) W Musson 8-2	A Mackay	84
17	(2)	653060	FUTURES GIFT 17 (T Marshall) A Potts 8-2	D Biggs (5)	84
18	(7)	000000	JESTER'S GEM 8 (B) (M Foxton) B Murray 8-1	F Norton (5)	80
19	(16)	6008	JOE FROM MONACO 85 (J Robertson) G Lewis 8-1	D Holland	80
20	(5)	400050	COURT ROOM 80 (V) (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-1	Dale Gibson	80

BETTING: 3-1 Courting Niece, 7-2 Wise Move, 6-1 Beam Me Up Scotty, 7-1 Energic, 8-1 Our John, 10-1 Noble Cause, 12-1 Futures Gift, 16-1 Darawi, 20-1 others.

1990: SMILES AHEAD 8-8 C Dwyer (8-1) J Hetherton 20 ran

2.25 DONCASTER WRITERS STAKES (£3,318: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1	(10)	6-34020	CIRCUIT RING 85 (D,F,G) (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 5-9-5	C Dwyer	57
2	(9)	322624	SPINNING 19 (B,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-5	R Cochrane	● 99
3	(7)	220264-	BOARDING SCHOOL 183J (F) (R Green) C Parker 4-9-0	J Carroll	—
4	(8)	054456-	CRYSTAL BEAM 20J (G) (L Norris) P Kelleway 4-9-0	D Holland	89
5	(5)	/50600-	JORURI 357 (B) (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 5-9-0	T Quinn	50
6	(2)	3333-35	KASAYID 20 (BF,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-0	R Hills	90
7	(4)	055010	NEGATORY 18 (F) (A Needham) M Chapman 4-9-0	K Fallon	75
8	(6)	031110	KINGSLEY 48 (D,F) (J Polson) Miss S Wilton 4-8-9	F Norton (5)	61
9	(1)	304501	MADAGANS GREY 20 (D,F,G,S) (Madgans Pte) R Boss 3-8-9	G Duffield	67
10	(3)	03300/	COT LANE 240J (R Griffiths) F Yardley 5-8-8	J Williams	—

BETTING: 13-8 Spinning, 7-4 Kasayid, 9-2 Madagans Grey, 14-1 Circuit Ring, 20-1 Boarding School, Negatory, 25-1 others.

1990: HIGH FOUNTAIN 3-7-13 A McGlone (6-1) H Cecil 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	34	85	40.0	S Cauthen	31	146	21.2
L Cumani	19	70	27.1	L Piggott	3	16	18.8
J Gosden	8	32	25.0	A Clark	5	27	18.5
W Hern	6	28	21.4	R Cochrane	23	141	16.3
M Stoute	16	77	20.8	W Ryan	15	93	16.1
G Harwood	7	38	18.4	B Raymond	22	144	15.3

2.55 EBF FLAXTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,990: 7f) (21 runners)

1	(13)		DEBACLE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	—
2	(12)	500	HAYBURY 25 (BF) (Mrs J Hayter) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	79
3	(4)	084	IMCO CLASSIC 32 (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 9-0	Paul Eddery	● 99
4	(2)	0	IN THE MONEY 48 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0	W Ryan	88
5	(11)	454206	KENYATTA 60 (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-0	A Cruz	81
6	(15)	60	LIFETIME FAME 15 (B) (E Landi) J Payne 9-0	B Raymond	91
7	(1)	5	MAHOOL 8 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	W Carson	—
8	(20)	00	MANSOOS 10 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	R Price	—
9	(7)	0	MEARLY MARCH 25 (B) (K Gray) J Belding 9-0	M Tebbutt	—
10	(18)		NORMAN WARRIOR (Mrs P Lunn) D Morris 9-0	M Roberts	—
11	(9)		PRIVATE BANK (Sheikh Ahmad Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	B Procter	—
12	(16)		QUADRIREME (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
13	(3)	0	SCANDALMONGER 22 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
14	(6)	50	SPEED OIL 16 (D Redheed) R Bastiman 9-0	S Cauthen	—
15	(8)		WAINWRIGHT (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	J Williams	75
16	(19)	00500	AND ME 7 (J Dyson) D Thom 8-9	G Carter	—
17	(5)		FARMER'S PET (D Midwood) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	L Dettori	—
18	(17)		FIRST HEIRESS (Famedge Bloodstock Ltd) M Stoute 8-9	T Lucas	—
19	(21)		HOULSTON'S WILL (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	L Piggott	—
20	(10)		RESPLENDENT (W Gredley) Mrs L Piggott 8-9	M Hills	—
21	(14)		TWILIGHT SECRET (N Brookes) J Hills 8-9		—

BETTING: 11-4 Wainwright, 4-1 First Heiress, 9-2 Private Bank, 5-1 In The Money, 6-1 Imco Classic, 8-1 Resplendent, 10-1 Mahool, 12-1 others.

1990: DESERT SUN 9-0 S Cauthen (11-4) H Cecil 22 ran

3.25 IMI RANGE POWERMAX HANDICAP (£4,565: 1m rnd) (18 runners)

1	(6)	3112	LAST LION 112 (D,BF,G) (T Tatham) J Gosden 3-9-12	G Hind	85
2	(9)	214800	TAKE TWO 10 (B,D,BF,F) (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-8	S Cauthen	90
3	(2)	115200	POLONEZ PRIMA 20 (D,G) (M Alithal) J Banks 4-9-7	L Newton (5)	94
4	(16)	302134	GABBIADINI 13 (V,D,F) (D Grant) M Tompkins 4-9-5	R Cochrane	91
5	(13)	342351	CONQUISTA 30 (B,D,G) (J Lewis) Lady Herries 3-9-5	J Williams	94
6	(15)	042010	NASAB 22 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-9-1	W Carson	98
7	(18)	3-100	NOELREAC JULIAN 189 (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-8-13	A Cruz	82
8	(4)	3-0310	RIVER RHINE 17 (CD,F) (P Webber) J Watts 3-8-11	J Reid	94
9	(17)	000047	SCALES OF JUSTICE 10 (D,F,G) (C Wright) J Hills 5-8-11 (5ex)	R Hills	● 99
10	(12)	111050	WILD PROSPECT 18 (F,G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 3-8-10	M Birch	92
11	(5)	2230-5	CROWN RESERVE 279 (F Cosgrove) M Ryan 3-8-8	G Carter	80
12	(14)	322405	HABETA 24 (CD,F,G) (Kirk Bloodstock) J Watts 5-8-5	G Duffield	97
13	(7)	636122	KING OF CHANCE 10 (D,BF,F) (N De Savary) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-4	J Weaver (7)	94
14	(3)	4-5430	CLIPPERINA 24 (A Ison) M Stoute 3-8-4	F Norton (5)	94
15	(1)	00-3008	ST PATRICK'S DAY 13 (Mrs J Hislop) C Britain 3-8-1	M Roberts	86
16	(10)	605800	HIGHLAND SPIRIT 20 (F) (G Senior) R Whitaker 3-7-13	Dale Gibson	86
17	(11)	10-0560	FLOATING LINE 18 (F) (Mrs J Wigham) P Wigham 3-7-11	L Charnock	80
18	(8)	6-33400	GREY RECORD 34 (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-7-7	S Maloney (5)	87

Long handicap: Grey Record 7-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Conquista, 9-2 Last Lion, 6-1 Gabbiadini, Scales Of Justice, 8-1 King Of Chance, 10-1 Nasab, 12-1 Polonez Prima, 14-1 River Rhine, 15-1 Wild Prospect, 25-1 others.

1990: BARFORD LAD 3-8-11 G Carter (14-1) G Huffer 15 ran

3.55 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£3,496: 1m 6f 132yd) (9 runners)

1	(9)	100220	LAMBADA STYLE 21 (G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-10	L Piggott	93
2	(8)	442130	ARRASTRA 38 (D,F) (D Beck) I Balding 3-8-9	J Reid	93
3	(1)	34002-0	PERSIAN HOUSE 15 (T Mowbray) J Jefferson 4-9-7	Dean McKeown	86
4	(6)	22204	AL SHAORAH 17 (V) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-5	M Roberts	93
5	(4)	000112	SATIN LOVER 7 (D,BF,F,G) (Lenabuild Contractors) R Akehurst 3-8-4	F Norton (5)	90
6	(7)	643324	ANGEL LOVE 36 (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 3-8-2	Paul Eddery	91
7	(3)	21	ELIKI 53 (F) (L Mavinopoulos) H Cecil 3-8-1	W Ryan	91
8	(2)	2021	KIJAFA 17 (D,F) (Miss H Alexander) L Cumani 3-8-8	L Dettori	● 99
9	(5)	622202	SONIC SIGNAL 7 (F,G) (S Saumtaly) M Haynes 5-7-11	D Biggs (5)	96

BETTING: 5-2 Satin Lover, 7-2 Kijafa, Eliki, 6-1 Lambada Style, 7-1 Al Shaorah, 10-1 Arrastra, 14-1 others.

1990: HIGHFLYING 4-9-13 K Fallon (13-8) A Harrison 6 ran

4.25 WHEATLEY PARK GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,633: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(5)	138	ALSAARM 21 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7	W Carson	● 99
2	(3)	05013	CAPITAL IDEA 72 (BF,F) (I Clark) Ron Thompson 9-3	A Proud	79
3	(1)	1	HAZM 38 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-3	R Hills	91
4	(4)	2160	ROCKY WATERS 52 (D,F) (K Higson) Denys Smith 9-3	B Rouse	93
5	(2)	13095	THREEPENCE 10 (B,S) (R Sangster) J Berry 9-3	J Carroll	90
6	(5)	1	WOLFHOUND 9 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-3	S Cauthen	92

BETTING: 7-4 Wolfhound, 2-1 Hazm, 3-1 Alsaarm, 12-1 Capital Idea, 16-1 Threepence, 25-1 Rocky Waters.

1990: JIMLIL 8-12 W Ryan (11-8) B Palling 7 ran

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1	1531	WINDSOR PARK 7 (D,F) K Bridgwater 5-12-3 (7ex)	V Slattery		
2	33-6	PARTING HOUR 8 (S) S Sherwood 4-11-2	T Stornar (7)		
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Getting a grip on the pursuit of perfection

Steffi Graf, the three-times Wimbledon champion, tells **Andrew Longmore**, Tennis Correspondent, about life away from the game

Steffi Graf could be forgiven for adopting some matronly airs this week. While many of her peers are chasing the dollar in an exhibition in Las Palmas, the Wimbledon champion is plying her considerable trade in the less glamorous surroundings of the Brighton seafront. And for rather less money.

Priorities are easy to shuffle when career earnings top $8 million, but when Graf talks of values, uses words like integrity and loyalty, it is best to set cynicism aside. If anyone has learned to practise what they preach in a world full of salesmen advertising wonder cures, it is Graf.

"You meet so many people, so much that is right and wrong, you learn very quickly. I'm a loner. I keep my distance and that's where you learn. You see mistakes others make and, hopefully, try not to make them yourself," she says. Wise words from a 22-year-old. But then, as Boris Becker would say, a lifetime in tennis leaves you feeling 15 going on 35.

So long has Graf been pounding the circuit, it is sometimes hard to remember she is nearer the former than the latter. She won her first grand slam title at the French Open four years ago, completed the grand slam in 1988 and established such a dominance over her rivals that the women's game bordered on the monotonous.

Only in the last two years, when Graf's own standards have been met by Seles and Capriati, among others, have inevitable cracks began to show. Earlier in the year, she lost the No. 1 position for the first time in a record 186 weeks. But, with fallibility, has come a growing responsibility.

She has taken on the role as chief critic of the new generation, to whom she offers sage advice. "It is very important to have the right people around you, but it depends on the way you grew up and on the values that you have."

Graf has vented her ire this week on the inadequacy of punishment for those who play truant from the Kraft World Tour. But the reasons for her anger are telling. What annoys Graf is not that the Monica Seleses of this world are making more money, but that they are making easy money. Money for nothing.

Graf thrives on competition, on hard work, on an endless search for a perfection which drives her on to the practice court at sunrise and which, very probably, only exists in the recesses of her mind, like an oasis. The absence of the leading players at the Midland Bank championships this week denies her the chance to prove herself once more. After nine years and ten grand slam titles, the latest on the centre court three months ago the hardest of the lot, Graf is as restless as ever, frustrated that a game which can be so easy, which used to be so easy, has suddenly proved as elusive as smoke.

"I want to get back to good performances. That's what I want from the game now. The other day in practice, I played unbelievably well, better than I have in my life. But, on the whole, in matches it has been disappointing. That's why I'm still around, still searching."

Graf has endured much over the last two years and emerged, dignity intact, to win her third Wimbledon title. She has been driven to desperate isolation in her room at the family home in Brühl and to near despair in a hospital room after her sinus operation last year. She has survived feelings of personal anguish over her father's paternity suit — in which he was subsequently cleared — and of personal inadequacy brought on by the inexorable rise of Seles. But what sends her to the depths is the injury and idleness which has punctuated the year. Inactivity, not grief, has given a new sense of perspective.

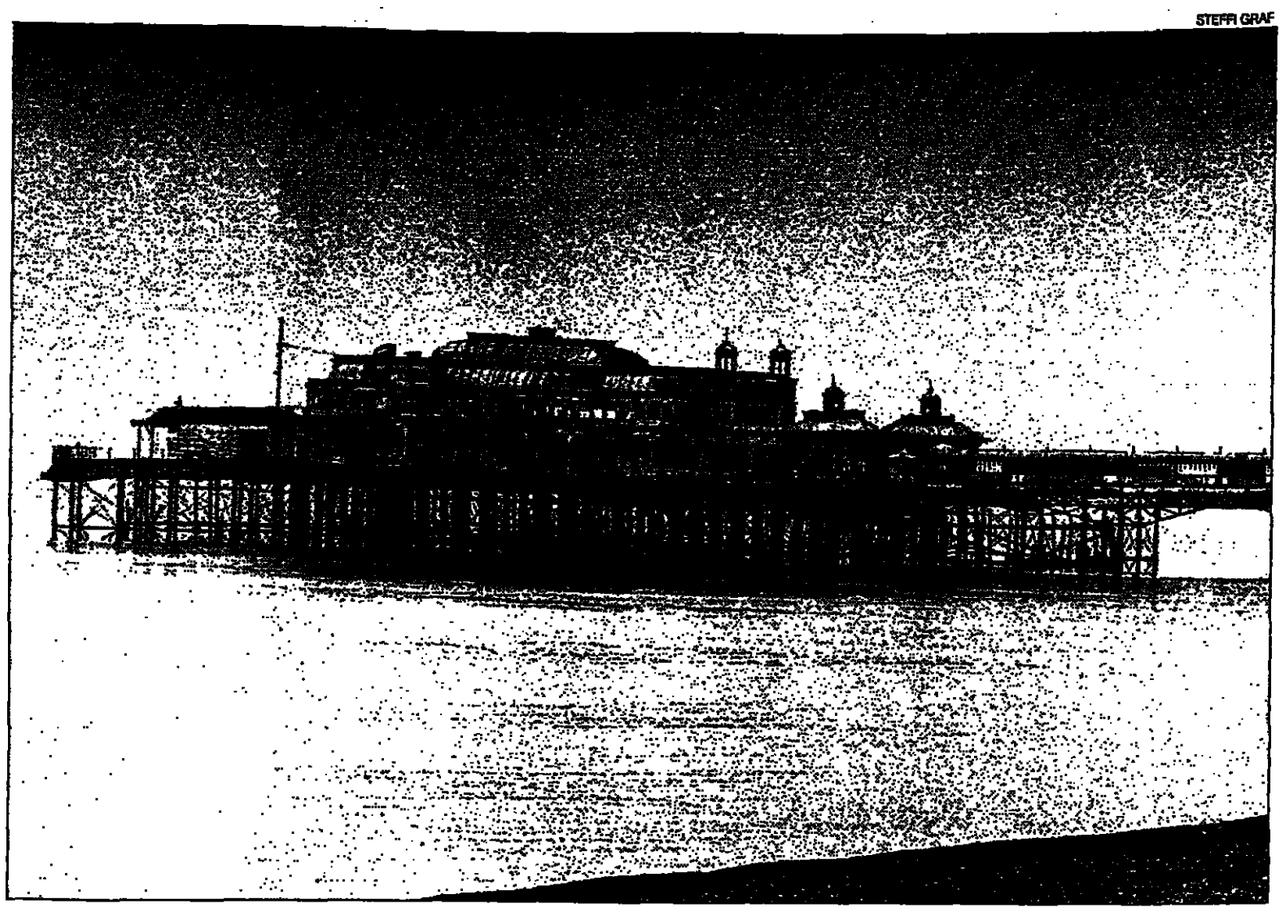
"When I injured my shoulder [in late July], I couldn't do anything. No work-outs, nothing. I was frustrated, angry, moody, and I realised then just how much tennis meant to me. It's my life right now and if I'm playing well, I'm happy. If I'm not, I'm very difficult to be with."

If that sounds remarkably like obsession, Graf would admit it. And she knows that a more relaxed attitude would help her game. But to dismiss her as just another one-dimensional champion would be as wide of the mark as mistaking her seriousness for ill-humour. Graf has rationalised the present, considered the future and, unlike Becker, is at ease with both. "To be able to achieve as much as I have, to get so much out of life, that is nothing to be frightened of. Nor am I afraid of the future."

Exactly when or where that future will start, not even Graf knows. Recently, she became the youngest player to win 500 matches, but she was not aware of the record until the morning she broke it. Being compared with the best pleases her; statistics she can take or leave. "If I was interested in them I would play for another 15 years, but it's just not possible to play until 34 like Martina."

She talks of playing for another four or five years and has already received offers from colleges to pursue her interest in art and photography. "To study again. That would be one of my main goals. But, for a start, I would travel the world and go to places I have not seen and go back to places I have been to but not really seen. I like to be busy and I couldn't just stop my life after tennis."

STEFFI GRAF



Reflections of a champion: Graf, proving almost as adept with lens as racket, captures a grey day in Brighton, her first published picture



One professional to another: Marc Aspland, a *Times* photographer, passes on some tips to Graf

Garrison sold on Brighton

BRIGHTON has been called many things down the years, has attracted princes and paupers but rarely in its distinguished history has it been labelled "a hip little city" (Andrew Longmore writes). Zina Garrison must be well versed in local politics because, just two days ago, the mayor had announced that Brighton was indeed applying for city status. Perhaps his case will be strengthened by Garrison's recommendations.

"When I came here six years ago it was cold and wet and I guess, like some others, I was put off. But now I'll definitely get the word out that this is a good place. Players like places where there are lots of things to do. I could even live here, though not in winter," she said.

Given that the 1990 Wimbledon finalist was suffering from a stomach bug and came close to retirement against Ros Fairbank-Nideffer, that was a tribute. In the end, the No. 3 seed survived the nausea and a typically elegant challenge from her opponent, who plays a lackadaisical game redolent of Sunday afternoons, tea and cake, to reach the third round of the Midland Bank championships with a 6-4, 6-4, win.

Jo Durie, though, could not match the consistency of Katerina Maleeva, losing in straight sets. Garrison also joined the chorus of criticism at the attitude of Monica Seles and the absence of other top players. "Monica has to take responsibility now, because if the best players keep missing tournaments, there will be no tour, no No. 1. The circuit will break up because sponsors will just take their money elsewhere."

RESULTS: Second round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt J Durie (GB), 6-4, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (US), 6-4, 6-4; J McNeil (US) bt E Manlokova (USSR), 7-5, 6-3.

BASEBALL

Lemke rescues the Braves again

MAKING the key offensive play for the second game in a row, Mark Lemke hit a triple in the ninth inning then scored on a sacrifice fly in Atlanta on Wednesday to power the Braves past the Minnesota Twins 3-2 and even the World Series at two games apiece (Robert Kirley writes).

On Tuesday the second baseman knocked in the winning run in the twelfth inning, keeping the Braves from falling behind by three games to nil in the best-of-seven championship.

On Wednesday he started the decisive rally with his third hit of the game, a triple against Mark Guthrie. Jerry Willard, who played only 17 games this year, was sent in as a pinch-hitter, facing Steve Bedrosian and lifting a fly to Shane Mack in medium right.

Mack fired home to Brian Harper, hoping to cut down Lemke on his dash to the plate. Harper had stopped the Braves with two run-saving tags in the fifth but Lemke slid past him and touched the plate with his hand for the winner.

RESULT: Game four: Atlanta Braves 3, Minnesota Twins 2 (best-of-seven series level at 2-2). Game five: played last night in Atlanta.
FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Game six: Atlanta at Minnesota; Sunday: Game seven (if necessary): Atlanta at Minnesota.

RUGBY UNION

Calder has an opportunity to crown his comeback

By Alan Lorimer

SIXTEEN months ago, at the end of Scotland's second match against New Zealand in Auckland, it seemed that the curtain had come down on a distinguished career. Finlay Calder, who had captained his country and the British Isles in Australia, announced his retirement from international rugby.

However, he qualified his statement by saying that he would "never see his country stuck if Scotland needed him for the World Cup". Scotland never were in quite such dire circumstances, but when the call came from Ian McGeechan to become part of the Rugby World Cup squad, Calder willingly obliged his "old friend".

McGeechan was in no doubt that Scotland needed Calder, not least because he feels that he "is such a positive influence both on and off the field".

"He trains as hard as any player and motivates those around him," McGeechan said. The Scotland coach added that he felt that Calder needed a rest after Scotland's tour to New Zealand. "He'd given such a lot to the game that it would have been wrong to play him last season. However, I kept in contact with him at Inverleith, where he continued to play club rugby for Stewart's Melville FP, and we talked about the possibility of him returning for the World Cup purely as a one-off situation."

McGeechan regards the present Scotland back row as the right blend for Calder's style of fluent rugby. "Finlay's return has allowed John Jeffrey to play his natural game in his preferred position, but, more than that, the three players seem to have an uncanny understanding of each other's game," he said.

It is Calder's speed that is such an asset to Scotland's back-row play, which, in his absence, seemed much less allegro. Speed has always been a feature of his game, in whichever of the back-five positions he has occupied, and was evident in his school-days at Melville College, and latterly in its amalgamation with Daniel Stewart's College, where he posted respectable times for the 400 metres.

At Stewart's Melville College, Calder represented Scottish Schools, which was the first of a long list of rugby honours that includes 32 appearances for Scotland.

Amazingly, his Scotland career never overlapped with that of his twin brother, Jim, who, apart from representing the British Isles against New Zealand in 1983, is remembered for scoring the try against France that clinched the grand slam for Scotland in 1984. "Frankly, we were collectively too small to have played together in the same Scotland side," Calder said.

Now aged 34, Calder recognises that his return to the international game is a risk. "Rarely does a comeback in sport work," he said. "The problem is that as you get older, you feel the knocks more and you also find that training becomes more of a drudgery. That can make you mentally run-down."

The rest from international sport is concordant with Calder's own view that there is too much rugby played nowadays, but whether his comparative freshness will affect the result of tomorrow's match remains to be seen. Having been a central figure in the 1990 grand slam drama at Murrayfield, Calder is acutely aware of the parallels being drawn, but points to a fundamental diffference. "Up until last Saturday, neither side knew whether they would be in the semi-final, nor whom they would be playing if they won their quarter-final matches. Compare that with the grand slam, when England knew a month beforehand that it all depended on beating Scotland. This time, there has been only one week for the hype to build up."

In other respects, Calder thinks that tomorrow's game will be a similar match between two sides "who on paper are of equal strengths". "What it will come to on the field is astuteness," he said. The return of Scotland's old warrior could have a profound bearing as well.



Calder: speed an asset

CRICKET

Vandals hit one-day match in Bombay

Delhi — The Board of Control for Cricket in India has cancelled a one-day international with Pakistan after threats by a militant Hindu group to sabotage the match.

The move to cancel the October 28 match in Bombay came two days after the government approved India's five one-day internationals with Pakistan, despite threats by Shiv Sena that it would sabotage the match in its stronghold in Bombay. Vandals on Tuesday dug up parts of the pitch at Bombay's Wankhede stadium, and doused it with oil.

Bal Thackeray, a Shiv Sena leader, said the threats were made to protest Pakistan's backing of Moslem separatists in the northern state of Kashmir.

Further indications of tension were evident at Pandharkawada in central Maharashtra where at least 30 people were injured and 24 arrested on Wednesday night when a crowd in an Indian village rioted over reports that neighbours had celebrated Pakistan's victory over India in a Wills Trophy qualifying match in Sharjah.

The crowd first stoned the local police station when officers refused to take action against those who were celebrating.

Pakistan have history on their side when they meet again today in the final of the Wills Trophy. Pakistan have won nine of their last ten encounters against India at the desert venue in the United Arab Emirates.

Pakistan are determined to win their fifth title in a row at the Sharjah cricket stadium after producing a great escape act to stay in the three-nation tournament. Having lost both matches in the first part of the double-leg round-robin league, they came within two runs of being knocked out. *(AFP)*

ICC ban on S Africa tour party remains

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

SOUTH Africa's eleventh-hour admission into the World Cup will not lead to a reprieve for the English players suspended for their unsanctioned tour of South Africa in 1989. They must wait nine months, at least, before regaining eligibility for international selection.

The protracted saga surrounding the World Cup has led to great confusion and, in some circles, a feeling that to maintain the bans on the Mike Gatting side of 1989, while South Africa resumed fixtures against all the leading nations, was an anomaly.

This issue, however, received a full airing at the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council in July, when it was decided there was no good reason for an immediate amnesty, notwithstanding the reinstatement of South Africa as full members. Their subsequent progress into the World Cup field is an irrelevance.

Unlike previous tour parties during South Africa's isolation, Gatting and his colleagues went there in full knowledge of the precise punishment awaiting them on their return.

Most of the players admit, privately, that it would be inappropriate to drop the ban immediately and, as such a measure would require another full meeting of the ICC, the earliest possible reprieve will take effect from July.

☐ David Shepherd has been nominated by the Test and County Cricket Board to stand in the 1992 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. He umpired at the World Cup in Pakistan and India in 1987.

Sunderland reader wins

MR ADAM Harrison is the winner of *The Times*'s competition offering two tickets for the final of the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham a week tomorrow. Mr Harrison, who lives at 1, Corby Hall Drive, Sunderland, and a friend will be the guests of Johnson Matthey, which is minting the medals for the World Cup, including platinum medals for the winners.

The five runners-up, who will each receive a solid silver "official supporter's medal", are: Mr Philip Tyman, of Palewell Park, East Sheen, London SW14; Mr G. Robbins, Hales Road, Cheltenham; Mr Christie Colhoun, of Galgorm Road, Ballymena; Mr James Fisher, of Cheveral Avenue, Coventry; and Mr Matthew Grubb, of Home Close, Chiseldon, Swindon.

ANSWERS: 1, Western Samoa; 2, Fiji; 3, Didier Camerabero; 4, Ireland; 5, Milan.

Viewing figures yield a profitable pay-day

TELEVISION audiences for the Rugby World Cup appear to have gone through the roof, providing a lucrative financial coup for ITV from advertisers (Peter Bills writes).

Early figures for the quarter-finals of the tournament reveal that around eight million viewers, comfortably the highest total in the entire competition, saw the France-England quarter-final from Paris last Saturday afternoon. Another figure that will greatly hearten television officials with an eye to advertising rates is that one in four males in the London area watched the match.

Expectations for the semi-finals this weekend, especially the Scotland-England match at Murrayfield, exceed ten million.

Paul Brown, the media director of Arc Advertising, said: "These are very impressive figures. Eight million is the kind of total you get for peak time comedy shows such as *'Allo 'Allo* and *Smith and Jones*. To get such a figure from an afternoon audience is very good indeed."

Brown said that such figures must comfortably exceed the expectations of ITV officials. He added: "They have, of course, a monopoly market for advertising and that could mean a network slot during this Saturday's semi-final might cost £70,000 to £80,000 a minute. Normally advertisers would expect to pay only around £25,000 at that time." Brown forecast no shortage of advertisers scrambling for slots.

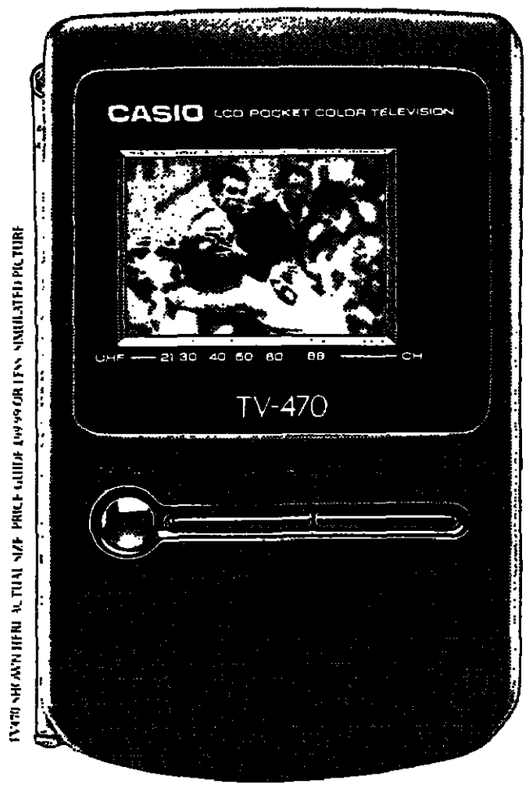
HOCKEY

Southgate let a chance slip

THE Australian Institute of Sport struggled to beat Southgate 1-0 in the last match of their English tour at Bisham Abbey yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

A penalty stroke converted by Williams in the 25th minute settled the issue. In the closing minutes, Noel, the Australian goalkeeper, saved a penalty stroke from Kerry when the Australians had ten men. The centre half, Garrad, had been sent off.

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Arsenal can expect more unusual tactics

Graham absorbs Lisbon lesson for Highbury leg

By STUART JONES

FOR the second time in a week, a leading manager in England has been tactically outwitted. As Graham Taylor designed the wrong formula for England's 1-0 European championship qualifying tie defeat of Turkey at Wembley, so George Graham chose an inappropriate formation for Arsenal's visit to Benfica in the second round of the European Cup.

Graham did, at least, acknowledge that he had made a mistake on Wednesday. Had he not been able to carry out extensive alterations within a quarter of an hour by using the versatility of his players, the error could have cost his club a place in the lucrative round robin series.

Graham, who had seen Benfica only through the eyes of his scouts, was caught by surprise. He had not expected them to line up with a sweeper — although the fact was common knowledge in Lisbon on *the day of the game* — or with one forward lying in a withdrawn position, behind the other two.

He had imagined that his own adventurous system would bemuse the Portuguese champions. Yet almost immediately Graham appreciated that *his* bemused midfield was unbalanced and unable to cope with the roles they had initially been given. Orders were thus issued with extreme urgency.

Limpar switched flanks, Campbell *moved from the* forward line back to the right wing, Merson adopted a more central role and Davis was instructed to shadow the dangerous floater, Isaias. By then Arsenal were a goal behind, *their captain had been booked* and survival looked dispiritingly improbable.

Campbell, benefiting from an inspired pass from Rocastle, soon levelled the scores and Arsenal, no longer *in such defensive disarray*, held on, but with increasing difficulty. Had it not been for Benfica's over elaboration and the competence of Seaman, they might still have returned with no optimism.

They did come back enveloped in fatigue. By the time the squad had completed the return journey to Stansted airport and set off for their training ground in London Colney, they were joining the commuters travelling to work. Dawn had broken before most of them were home.

The effects of the protracted trip may well be evident when they play Notts County. As Liverpool discovered from their experiences in Europe, if a sleep pattern is disturbed, weariness can set in not so much the following day but 24 hours later. The group of bedraggled players waiting for their luggage scarcely appeared primed for another fixture.

In a fortnight they will again have to readjust to a style of play not seen in the domestic programme and Sven-Goran Eriksson, the Benfica manager, believes that could be to his side's advantage. The slick passing and swift movement of his forwards could once more bewilder the Arsenal defence.

One experienced figure may by available to Graham. Bould, who has yet to appear in the first team, is completing his recovery from injury but it was noticeable that Adams, rather than Pates, was the more vulnerable in the resplendent Stadium of Light on Wednesday.



Lifesaver: Campbell scored the equaliser that delighted Arsenal in the European Cup

Harrison troops off to Palace

By LOUISE TAYLOR

STEVE Harrison made a swift return to domestic football after being dismissed on Monday by Millwall for "conduct unacceptable to the club", when he was recruited to the coaching staff of Crystal Palace, yesterday.

Steve Coppell, the Crystal Palace manager, said that he would allow Harrison, who coached the *Millwall* first team, time off to continue coaching Graham Taylor's England team. Although the Football Association has made no official comment on Harrison's position with them, it appears likely that he will retain his England duties.

Harrison, aged 39, was dismissed for an alleged prank last Friday night. Apparently it was a "party piece" he regularly performs when with the England players, but which Bruce Rioch, *the Millwall* manager, had, more than once, warned him not to attempt at club level.

☐ **Berne** — Scotland will play San Marino in Glasgow on November 13 at the same time as their group two rivals, Switzerland, meet Romania in Bucharest and the group seven leaders, England, face Poland away at the same time as the Republic of Ireland kick-off in Turkey, Uefa decided yesterday.

All hope not quite lost for United

By CLIVE WHITE

ONE way or another, the Portuguese posed the English a few problems in European competition on Wednesday evening, *not least Paulo Futre, the brilliant* international forward whose brace of goals for Atlético Madrid against Manchester *United* gave the English League leaders their first taste of defeat this season and left them with only a limp grasp on the Cup Winners' Cup trophy they won last May in Rotterdam.

Yet, television viewers in Britain might have been cheered more had they been permitted to watch United in defeat, as scheduled, rather than Tottenham Hotspur in victory against Porto. But for a Spanish television dispute the English public would at least have been able to *take pride in a performance* that for 87 minutes was as good an away performance in Europe as one could wish for.

United's only hope of turning around the deficit lies in their ability to place Atlético under extreme early pressure at Old Trafford. The Spanish league leaders looked surprisingly unsure of themselves for the best part of Wednesday's game. The feeling among objective critics is that the tie is not yet over.

☐ Despite a domestic campaign littered with uncharacteristic inconsistency, it may well have taken a struggling French side, Auxerre, to remind Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, that there is no such thing *as a never ending story in* football (Ian Ross writes).

After 25 years of unparalleled success, both at home and abroad, *Liverpool* seem to have entered a period of transition, one which may prove to be accutely painful on the evidence of Wednesday night's 2-0 defeat by Auxerre in the Uefa Cup. Untimely injuries and the new legislation governing eligibility of foreign players robbed Souness of several influential figures, but Liverool's performance was disappointing.Souness's post-match insistence that the tie was "not over yet" was predictable but *as he says in this month's* issue of the influential magazine *Football France*: "The spirit is not the same, that is certain. It has been let go. There are still some very good players here but the motivation is no longer the same as at other times. Their aims have changed."

☐ Gary Lineker's first goal in Europe for Tottenham against Porto on Wednesday night will be high on the list of memorable strikes; his second could yet prove to be Tottenham's passport to the quarter-finals (Peter Ball writes).

Worcester blaze cup trail

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL by WALTER GAMMIE

MIX together a new board of directors, a recently appointed young manager, a team built from scratch, a city with a proud footballing tradition and a demanding body of supporters and the effect is almost certain to be volatile. For Worcester City a fourth qualifying round FA Cup tie against Marlow tomorrow and the promise of an attractive first round draw against League opposition afford the chance to settle a *difficult start to the season.*

A 1-0 win over Wealdstone, at St George's Lane, last week moved Worcester off the bottom of the *Beazer Homes* League premier division table and one point above an anxious bunch comprising Trowbridge, Waterlooville, Chelmsford and Burton. It was Worcester's first League win since the opening day of the season when they beat Gravesend and Northfleet 6-2.

Injuries during that match, to Martyn Bennett, the former West Bromwich Albion defender and Derek Dudley, the goalkeeper, however, sowed the seeds for the subsequent weeks of struggle for Phil Lines, the manager brought in from Buckingham Town to replace Ally Robertson, now at Cheltenham Town. "We had more problems with injuries in the first six weeks than you'd expect to get in the whole of a season," Lines said.

Robertson had been forced to sell players as Worcester sought to clear debts and so broke up a *side* that had led the league at the start of last season. Only four players were left when Lines took over. He brought in three players released by Hereford United.

Lines said: "Lads that come out of the League don't really understand what a step it is. They lose the chance to train full time, have to work hard to establish themselves in jobs and find it hard to acclimatise and stay sharp. The attitude of the three players however has been fantastic."

The manager nominates the leading goal-scorer, Colin Robinson, a stalwart of the Shrewsbury Town side in their second division days, as the outstanding player of the season so far. Paul Tester, a midfield player, and Mark Jones, a defender, are the other recruits from Hereford. Ollie Kearns, aged 34, was signed from Rushden Town.

The FA Cup run that has brought successive victories, 8-1 over Melksham Town, of the Great Mills League, 2-1 over Gloucester City, a fellow Beazer Homes League side, and 2-1 over Bath City, of the GM *Vauxhall Conference has helped* Worcester launch a run that has seen only one defeat in nine matches.

Two goals in the 7-3 win over Altrincham and three in the 4-0 win over Redbridge Forest have brought Paul McKinnon, of Slough Town, back to his best as the team prepare to take on Kingstonian, the ambitious Diadora League club, in the FA Cup tomorrow.

GOLF

James on course to brighten a gloomy season

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, SOTOGRANDE

MARK James yesterday defied the blustery conditions to take the first-round lead in the Volvo Masters with a score of 67, four under par, on the Valderrama course.

James leads by one stroke from Steven Richardson, the joint runner-up 12 months ago, and the Australian, Rodger Davis. Roger Chapman, Peter Mitchell and Jesper Parnevik, of *Sweden, each scored 69.*

A year ago, James was virtually propping up the field following a first round of 78. He *finished 45th. Now he has* designs on winning the first prize of £100,000, which would transform his season. James has not won a tournament *for more* than 14 months.

Three birdies in the first five holes provided James with a marvellous start, *even if the one* he made at the 5th was somewhat fortuitous. There, he hit a two-iron against a tree, chipped the ball forward with a six-iron, struck a four-iron to 35 feet and holed the putt.

The Valderrama greens provide a stiff examination but James is armed, this time, with a longer putter, which served him well. "This is one of the hardest courses we play," he said. "But I think too much emphasis is placed on the greens. Everything depends on your short game."

Richardson admitted that his driving was poor but thought he putted well. He holed from 25 feet at the 1st, 20 feet at the 4th and 30 feet at the 10th. Then he hit a three-iron to 15 feet from the hole at the 15th, the longest of the par-threes, and coaxed the ball in for a two.

Richardson required a par at the 18th to share the lead but he took four shots to reach the green. Even so, he single-putted from eight feet to save himself from dropping more than a shot.

Davis was on crutches on Monday, after sustaining a torn calf muscle when playing a friendly tennis match. His prospects *of playing appeared re*mote but the injury responded to treatment. He laid the foundation for a good score with *three birdies in the first five* holes.

"I played the first nine holes from tee to green as well as I've *played for a long time.*" *Davis* said. "I'm just very lucky to be playing. If I hadn't stopped and immediately iced the injury *then I'm told I could have been* out of action for four to six weeks."

Chapman notched three of his four birdies in the last five holes and they were no more than he deserved. He had seen one birdie putt after another refuse to drop but he successfully holed from 30 feet and 20 feet at the 14th and 15th respectively. He hit a sand wedge to three feet for another at the 17th but dropped a shot at the last.

Sandy Lyle maintained his revival with four birdies in a 71, which was one shot better than Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo. Ballesteros had four birdies, three bogeys and a seven at the 4th; Faldo finished in a flourish with birdies at each of the last two holes.

RESULTS FROM SOTOGRANDE

FIRST ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated):

67: M James. 68: R Davis (Aus), S Richardson. 69: R Chapman, P Mitchell, J Parnevik (Swe). 70: J Spence, B Langer (Ger), T Johnstone (Zim). 71: B Lane, K Waters, M Harwood (Aus), A Sherborne, A Lyle, C Parry (Aus), M McNulty (Zimb). 72: P-U Johansson (Swe), C Rocca (It), N Faldo, S Ballesteros (Sp), R Claydon, J van de Velde (Fr). 73: A Forsbrand (Swe), D Gilford, S Torrance, C Montgomerie, J-M Olazabal (Sp). 74: D J Russell, P Way, P Walton, P O'Malley (Aus), R Rafferty, M Martin (Sp), V Singh (Fiji), F Nobilo (NZ), E Darcy, G Brand, Jr, M Ross, V Fernandez (Arg). 75: C Mason, M Lanner (Swe), M Mackenzie, J Rivero (Sp), D Feherty. 76: M McLean, M Davis, E Romero (Arg). 77: P Teravainen (US), G Lwanson (SA). 78: M Jiménez (Sp), P Broadhurst. 79: P Fowler (Aus). 80: J Hawkes (SA). 81: H Clark

Bennett becomes mascot for New

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN CANNES

SARAH Bennett is not everybody's idea of a lucky mascot. Yesterday, however, in the first round *of the Longines Classic at* Cannes Mandelieu, she provided the inspiration for Beverley New, her playing partner, to take the lead with a four-under-par 67. A far East-West alliance of Li Wen-Lin, of Taiwan, and Laura Davies, of England, shared second place on 68.

New, a former English amateur champion from Bristol, has rarely done herself justice in eight years as a professional and shoulder and back problems ensured that the last two years were particularly frustrating. Fit again, thanks to aerobics and weight training, swinging well, and her confidence boosted by Bennett's presence, New had eight birdies yesterday.

It was a perfect demonstration of golf being all, or at least largely, in the mind. Seeing she was drawn with Bennett, New regarded it as a good omen, on *the basis that Bennett had* partnered Helen Alfredsson when she won the Weetabix British women's Open and Siobhan, Keogh, a tour rookie, when she was third in this year's Italian Open. Attitude, however, is all and New went out in 35, one under par, unperturbed by a double-bogey five at the third, and came back in 32, three under. Bennett, for the record, lost a ball but shot 72.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: B New. 68: L Wen-Lin (Tai), L Davies. 69: F Descampe (Bel), J Soulsby, H Dobson, H Wadsworth, V Pall (Fr), S Moon (US), R Lautens (Switz). 70: J Allmark (Swe), M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), A-M Pall (Fr), K Lunn (Aus). 71: M Spencer Devlin (US), C Duffy, T Johnson, J Lawrence, P Grice-Whittaker, A Shapcott. 72: S Etchevers (Fr), A Jones (Aus), C Dibnah (Aus), K Cornelius (US), S Bennett, G Stewart, T Fernando (S Lanka), K Pearce (Aus), E Dualnes (Fr), J Hill (Zim), T Abitbol (Sp), S Mendiburu (Fr).

Public's chance to measure up

By DAVID POWELL

THE introduction to yesterday's launch of the Science of Sport *exhibition* was, *as you might* expect from the people who answer the questions David Coleman never asks, typically inventive: press packs tied up with tennis-shoe laces.

Nobody gets anywhere in sport without first learning the science of the knot; but, once the packs were opened, the challenges grew more stimulating. This is to become the sportsman's ultimate electronic game, a kind of aerobic and anaerobic Space Invaders.

From next summer, you will be able to take the screen-test and be measured against Linford Christie, Boris Becker, Holmes and Redgrave. Anyone you like. Yesterday, a few convenient examples of the "exhibition experience" were revealed: devices to test reaction time and explosive power (weight divided by time in the air), for example.

It is planned for the exhibition to visit various parts of Britain, beginning with the Science Museum. "Displays will encourage participation," the organisers say. First, you have to go into the "tension chamber", where the importance of what you are about to attempt is to be messaged powerfully by a television commentary of the moment, or the private words of manager to player.

There you will be watched, on the one side by a simulated audience and, on the other side, by a genuine one. "You are going to be out in front of 100,000 people and, not only that, the hopes of the nation are depending on you; its that type of emotional build-up," Henry Lowe, the exhibition designer, said.

This, and other challenges, await the punter. Education, too, is an integral part of the show. Why do golf balls have *dimples? Even* sport for the disabled is part of the package. Is the London Marathon harder by wheelchair? Your Chariot of *Fire awaits. No need, even, to* be able to do up your shoelace for that.

YACHTING

Dickson shares lead

Bermuda — Chris Dickson, the New Zealand skipper leading Japan's America's Cup challenge, shared the lead with the American, Peter Isler, in the Mazda world match race championship last night, as strong winds caused considerable havoc in Hamilton harbour (Barry Pickthall writes).

For Eddie Warden Owen, the British skipper who won the Omega Gold Cup here last week, it was another miserable day which saw him lose to Dickson, Isler and Russell Coutts, of New Zealand.

With just three wins to his credit, he was unlikely to make the count for tomorrow's semi-final cut for the first time in the four years of the event.

After 11 of the 18 preliminary matches, Warden Owen faced the daunting task of winning all *his remaining matches. The* 25-knot proved a test for even the best competitors. Dickson retired from his match against Isler when the spinnaker pulled their boat over on its beam ends.

POSITIONS (after 11 rounds): equal 1, C Dickson (Japan) and P Isler (US), 9 wins, 2 defeats; equal 3, M Boust (Fr) and R Coutts (NZ), 8-3; 5, V Blandolowski (Den), 8-5; 6, T Pepponet (Fr), 4-7; equal 7, E Warden Owen (GB), M Holmberg (Swe) and M Namba (Japan), 3-7; 10, J Bank (Den), 2-8.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

VALENCIA: European Tour pre-qualifying (four courses): Mediterranean: 69: O Vincent (US), 70: K Tanigawa (US), J Sandelin (Swe), P Johansson (Swe), J Payne (Eng). 71: R Sadler (Eng), P Wasselingh (Eng), G Nicholas (US). 72: N Laconte (Eng), A Mindnick (Swe), S McNally (Eng), D Stirling (Eng), T Lloyd (Eng), El Bosquet. 87: B Hammill (N Ire). 89: C Davison (Eng). 71: F Vervey Jnr (SA), J C Gamboni (Fr). 72: R Howe III (US), N Gefan (Fra), I Bottomley (Eng), Y Kuramoto (Japan), O Esteldsen (Den), C Cassella (Eng). Escorpion: 68: A Pinero (Sp), 69: P Huming (Eng). 70: U Zilg (Ger). 71: A Cranz (Scot), P Fulks (Swe). 72: P P R Simpson (Eng), R Sabarros (Fr), K Jones (Wales), C Allaedinger (Australia), D Carter (Eng), S Thompson (Eng), J Taylor (Eng), M Wheeler (Eng), El Salter. 75: D Edlund (Swe). 76: L Jones (Eng). 77: P Lyon (Eng), J Robson (Eng), C Gliddens (Eng), M Parker (Eng), J Dodds (Eng).

CHIBA, Japan: Bridgestone tournament: First round (Japanese unless stated): 67: S Fujii, A Omachi, T Higa. 68: Chen Tze-ming (Tai), S Okuda, I Sugita. 69: N Yunata, K Suzuki, R Gibson (Can); H Kase, B Franklin (Can); T Maruyama, K Maita, K Kato, A Magee (US), British: 72: P Hoad.

HOCKEY

AUCKLAND: Olympic qualifying tournament: Women's semi-finals: Great Britain 1, Germany 3; Canada 0, New Zealand 1. Play-offs: Ireland 3, Italy 1 (for 11th position); United States 6, France 1 (for ninth); Mexi: Italy 1, Belgium 2; Canada 2, France 0.

CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE: Blackheath 12, Old Kingstonians 4; Hounslow 6, Old Williamsonians 7.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 7, Los Angeles Kings 2; Hartford Whalers 3, San Jose Sharks 0; Montreal Canadiens 3, Quebec Nordiques 2 (ot); Washington Capitals 6, Edmonton Oilers 5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull 40, Bradford 14; Warrington 23, Castleford 6. Second division: Sheffield 35, Rochdale 14.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Penarth 19, Lydney 29

BADMINTON

PORTSMOUTH: Denmark bt England 5-0 (England names first). N Ponting and G Gowers lost to T Lund and N Nielsen, 11-15, 8-15. A Nielsen lost to P-E Hoyer, 16-18, 15-11, 7-15; Gowers and H Tindle lost to Nielsen and M Thomsen, 11-15, 15-10, 10-15; Nielsen and Troke lost to J Holst-Christensen and Thompson 3-15 9-15; Ponting and D Wright lost to Lund and Holst-Sorensen.

BASEBALL

ATLANTA: World Series: Atlanta Braves 3, Minnesota Twins 2 (best-of-seven series level 2-2).

BOXING

YORK HALL, Bethnal Green: Flyweight: Micky Cantwell (Bermondsey) stopped Carlos Marrigues (Mex), 5th rnd.

SQUASH RACKETS

TORONTO: Canadian open championship: Second round: R Norman (NZ) bt P Marshall (Eng), 11-15, 15-10, 15-13, 15-12; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt D Meddings (Eng), 15-11, 15-6, 15-11; R Martin (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 8-15, 15-9, 15-8, 15-12; C Dittmar (Aus) bt J Nicolls (Eng), 15-8, 15-13, 15-5. Quarter-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ) 15-8, 15-8, 15-10; C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus) 15-8, 15-13, 15-8; R Martin (Aus) bt P Gregory (Eng) 17-14, 15-10, 15-12; C Robertson (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus) 15-10, 15-8, 15-14.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Open championship: Second round: R Ranseberg (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 7-6, 1-6, 6-1; A Krickstein (US) bt M Stitch (Ger), 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; P Korda (Cz) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, B Gilbert (US) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-2, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt D Camporese (It), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, G Prpic (Yug) bt J Connors (US), 7-5, 6-7, 6-1, J Couner (US) bt C-J Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 6-4, J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Seemank (Neth), 4-6, 7-5, 7-6. Third round: G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt G Forget (Fr), 7-6, 7-6; P Korda (Cz) bt I Lendl (Cz), 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; R Ranseberg (US) bt K Nowacek (Cz), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, A Krickstein (US) bt J-I Hasek (Switz), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-2, 6-3.

HARARE, Zimbabwe: Satellite Masters tournament: Semi-finals: B Curry (US) bt D Isaak (US), 6-2, 6-2; B Koontz (US) bt C Bailey (GB), 6-1, 6-2.

PORTO, Portugal: Satellite Masters tournament: Semi-finals: L Matthews (GB) bt C Beecher (GB), 6-1, 6-7, 6-1; C Falk (N) bt M Rensrom (Swe), 6-3, 6-2.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, first leg: Dynamo Kiev 1, Brondby (Den) 1: Panathinaikos (Gre) 2, IFK Gothenburg 0: Red Star Belgrade 3, Apollon Limassol (Cyp) 1: PSV Eindhoven 0, Anderlecht (Bel) 0: Honved (Hun) 2, Sampdoria (It) 1; Marseilles 3, Sparta Prague 2; Barcelona 2, Kaiserslautern (Ger) 0; Benfica 1, Arsenal 1.

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, first leg: Ilves (Fin) 1, AS Roma 1; Galatasaray (Tur) 0, Banik Ostrava (Cz) 1, Katowice (Pol) 0, FC Bruges (Bel) 1; Werder Bremen (Ger) 3, Ferencvaros (Hun) 2; Tottenham Hotspur 3, FC Porto 1; Sion (Swizz) 0, Feyenoord 0; Atletico Madrid 3, Manchester United 0.

UEFA CUP: Second round, first leg: PAOK Salonika (Gr) 0, Swarovski Tirol (Aus) 2; Sigma Olomouc (Cz) 2, Torpedo Moscow 0;, Auxerre (Fr) 2, Liverpool 0; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Ajax 0; Spartak Moscow 0, AEK Athens 0; FC Utrecht 1, Real Madrid 3; Genoa 3, Dynamo Bucharest 1; Lyon 3, Trabzonspor (Tur) 4

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Oxford 1, Charlton 2.

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Second round: Brighton 3, Wimbledon 2, Chelsea 1, Swindon 0; Coventry 0, Aston Villa 2; Leicester 4, Port Vale 0; Norwich 1, QPR 2; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Manchester City 2.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Preliminary round: Exeter 2, Torquay 1; Maidstone 2, Fulham 6.

FONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 0, Sunderland 1. Second division: Burnley 2, Wigan 0; Derby 3, Hull 1; Grimsby 2, Huddersfield 1; Oldham 2, Scunthorpe 0; Wolverhampton 2, Stoke 5; York 0, Middlesbrough 3.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Watford 4, Charlton 0.

FA TROPHY: Winsford 1, Droylsden 3

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Uxbridge 1, Haybridge Swifts 1. Second division: Southwick 0, Lewes 2.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 1, Stalybridge 4. Challenge Cup: Farsley Celtic 4, Bridlington Town 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cramd 1, Tiverton 2; Frome 0, Mangotsfield 2; Minehead 0, Weston-Super-Mare 2; Ottery St Mary 0, Saltash 4.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Dorothy 2, Armthorpe Welfare 2 (last, agg, 3-4); Eccleshill 1, Brigg 2.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Second round, second replay: Manchester 4, Kirkby Knowsley 1

ENGLISH ADIDAS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Merseyside 3, Greater Manchester 3. *INTER-COUNTY UNDER-19:* West Midlands 0, Avon 0

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Flamengo (Br) 2, River Plate (Arg) 1 (in Rio de Janeiro, River Plate won 4-3 on penalties); Nacional (Uru) 3, Cruzeiro (Br) 0 (in Montevideo, Cruzeiro won 4-3 on aggregate); Olimpia (Par) 2, Independiente (Arg), 0 (in Asuncion, Olimpia won 3-1 on aggregate).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division

Huddersfield v Stockport .....

Fourt division

Rotherham v York .....

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Shamrock Rovers (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Wasps (7.0); Coventry v Nottingham (7.15); Hillhead-Jordanhill v West of Scotland (7.0); Musselburgh v Edinburgh Wndrs (7.0); Newport v Bristol (7.0); Pontypridd v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Swansea v Abertillery (7.0); Harlequins v London Irish (7.30); Edinburgh Acads v Kilmarnock (7.30); Boroughmuir v Melrose (7.30); Cross Keys v Pontypool (7.30); Bedford v Askeans (7.30). Cancelled: Gloucester v South Wales Police.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: (7.30 unless stated): First division: Featherstone v Castleford, Halifax v Leeds; Hull v Warrington (8.0); St Helens v Wigan; Wakefield v Hull KR; Widnes v Workington (8.0). Second division west: Salford v Chorley; Swinton v Rochdale. Second division east: Bramley v Doncaster; Sheffield v Scarborough.

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR SPORT: Formula Ford festival (Brands Hatch).

SNOOKER: Rothmans grand prix (Reading)

SWIMMING: English schools championship (Bellfield).

TENNIS: Women's tournament (Brighton).

SNOOKER

McManus halts revival by Foulds

By PHIL YATES

ALAN McManus thwarted a spirited revival from Neal Foulds to win their sixth-round encounter 5-4 in the Rothmans Grand Prix at the Hexagon Theatre, Reading, yesterday, yet his prevailing post-match emotion was disappointment.

McManus, aged 20, from Glasgow, unanimously voted Young Player of the Year by the snooker writers last week, led 4-1 before Foulds began a three-frame winning sequence with a *pink-ball win in the fifth.*

Foulds, the experienced world No. 6, produced a memorable last-red to black clearance in the *eighth to level at 4-4, but could* not sustain his fightback. At 36-36 in the deciding frame, he missed a tricky black and *McManus, "playing in a daze",* regained his composure sufficiently to scramble home.

McManus, who, in his first season as a professional, figured in the semi-finals of last year's UK Open, was dissatisfied with his mid-match collapse. "I am down because I should never have let a lead like that slip. I thought I'd blown it, my mind was away," he said.

Joe Johnson, who suffered a career-threatening heart attack in June, reached his second world ranking tournament quarter-final in succession with a 5-2 victory over Mike Hallett, the world No. 8.

The pivotal frame was the second when Johnson, the 1986 world champion, fashioned a 71 clearance in response to Hallett's earlier 66, to level at 1-1.

Johnson, aged 39, from Bradford, lost the next frame but won the following four, to repeat his run to the quarter-finals of the Dubai Duty Free Classic two weeks ago.

"What I faced gave me a new perspective," said Johnson, who appears to have a realistic chance of reclaiming his place in *the top 16 next season.* "After the heart attack I put my feet up and took it easy, but I have lived, eaten and breathed *snooker for the last two months.* I have really practised hard."

Clive Everton, the BBC commentator and respected snooker journalist, yesterday resigned from the board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association.

In his resignation letter to David Harrison, the WPBSA's chief executive, Everton, aged 54, said: "I agreed to be co-opted in June 1990 only on the express understanding, which was confirmed to the board in writing, that I would be free to express and in my own magazine, *Snooker Scene*, to publish alternative views to those which might be held by the majority of the board.

"As official board policy now is that no board member may in public express views at variance with official board policy or decision, I feel unable to remain *on the board.*"

RESULTS: Sixth round: A McManus (Scot) bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-4; J Johnson (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-2.



McManus: in a daze

Smales chosen

Tommy Smales, the former Great Britain and Huddersfield rugby league scrum half, was yesterday appointed assistant coach to Roger Millward at Halifax.

Halifax rejected

London Crusaders, the second division rugby league club, have *rejected an offer of £12,000 from* Halifax for Greg Pearce, their Australian goal-kicking loose forward.

IN BRIEF

WLAF to carry on

THE National Football League owners, meeting in Dallas, have decided to continue the fledgling World League of American Football (WLAF) for at least another three seasons.

The WLAF will begin its ten-game regular season on March 21 with six teams in the United States, three in Europe and one in Canada.

BOXING: Michael Watson, from London, has been taken off his life-support machine and moved from the intensive care unit at St Bartholomew's hospital, London, where he has been in a coma following his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship bout with Chris Eubank on September 21. He has shown signs of improvement.

FOOTBALL: A local community scheme, successfully based at the Aston Villa club, called Learning Through Football, was awarded £140,000 by British Gas to launch it as a national three-year project.

MOTOR SPORT: Eric van de Poele, the Belgian Formula One driver, is switching from *Lamborghini-Modena to* Brabham for 1992.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Medals at next year's Winter Games in *Albertvillewill* be made of crystal glass set in gold, silver and bronze for the first time.

RUGBY UNION: In a repeat of their meeting at the same stage of the competition last year, Bradford Salem, the holders, have *a home tie against* Ashington in the fourth round of the Provincial Insurance Cup on November 9.

TENNIS: Ivan Lendl was beaten in the Stockholm Open by a fellow-Czechoslovak, Petr Korda, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

☐ Monica Seles, of Yugoslavia, will defend her Australian Open title in January against the strongest women's field in the history of the tournament. Nine of the top ten women have confirmed their entry.

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Treading a fine line on the tightrope of tension



Andrew: lessons learned

Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, talks of the particular pressures of the Rugby World Cup as he looks ahead to the semi-finals this weekend

THE 1990 grand slam defeat by Scotland at Murrayfield remains a painful memory for all of us in the England team. Scotland caught us out, we were a little over-confident and they were ready; their intensity surprised us, on the field and in the stadium. No matter how much we might wish otherwise, we cannot put that defeat out of our minds.

But the lessons we learned that day can only be of value for our World Cup semi-final against Scotland there tomorrow. Murrayfield was a cauldron in 1990, and it will be again tomorrow. The difference now is that our minds and eyes are open. We are ready for them.

Almost certainly, it will be the side that keeps its nerve, stays calm, maintains its discipline and does not lose its pattern that will go on to the final at Twickenham the following week. It will be tough, physically and mentally, but I do not expect it to be as intimidating as Paris last weekend. We have had some hard physical games against Scotland, but they have always been fair. I don't believe anybody on either side would want that to alter in one of the great showpieces of the sport.

What is being asked of the players is, quite honestly, amazing. Seven days after an intensely physical quarter-final in Paris we have to get ourselves together for what is sure to be an equally tough semi-final.

And the winners will have seven more days before tackling the final. That's a very, very tough schedule. You have to be in excellent shape to handle it. But the alternative is to be back in the office . . . watching and wishing you were there.

Over the last year, England have been trying to put together the play of our forwards and backs. I feel we are getting there slowly. We looked sharper in Paris than we have for some time, better equipped to play a more all-round game. Whether Scotland will allow us to do that, or whether we can impose ourselves, will determine whether we can carry that through.

One issue that has been a source of discussion during this tournament is the Adidas ball. It is lighter than the ones we are used to, that is its biggest problem. The skin isn't that thick and there doesn't seem to be as much material in the ball. I don't like it as much as the Gilbert Barbarian ball we used in Australia in July. However, I don't regard it as great a problem as some people.

I have deliberately left until now my thoughts on the French match. It is now in the back of our minds and yet we would do well to remember the great discipline shown by the whole England team, but especially the pack. Our discipline up front was unbelievable. It won us the game.

We kept our heads and kept very clear minds as to what we were trying to do. In all the circumstances, it was one of our best victories. Perhaps not pretty to watch, but nobody can underestimate the tension between the sides and the pressure we, in particular, were under.

I thought the referee handled a dreadfully difficult game extremely well. The worst thing would have been for three or four players to have been sent off, and, believe me, that could have happened. It could have been very ugly. There is a very fine line between the physical nature of rugby and violence from intimidation. Last weekend in Paris, I believe it reached the furthest limits.

The match was too close to going completely over the top. Ultimately, it cannot be good for the game if you get too much tension. But how to cool that tension? It must come down to individual players controlling themselves. A great deal of competitiveness is fine, but the violent side needs to be kept out of the game. Otherwise, rugby will gain a World Cup but lose so much of what it stands for. And that seems a poor deal from the way I look at it.

The final? I think we will play New Zealand. There is a strong possibility the Australians peaked too early this year. In July, they were indomitable, but the loss of Tim Gavin, their best forward, was crucial. The All Blacks, Scotland and England may have paced themselves a little better.

☐ *Rob Andrew was talking to Peter Bills.*

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Lineen returns after injury to face England

Scots prepare for a stern examination

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BOTH Scotland and England trained privately yesterday in preparation for their Rugby World Cup semi-final at Murrayfield tomorrow. Afterwards the Scottish management emerged to try to play down the fact that, with home advantage, they go into the match as narrow favourites, a position which has never suited them — particularly against England.

"England have developed as a strong side who will ask us a lot of questions," Ian McGeechan, coach to Scotland, said. "We have deep respect for them. At the start of 1989 they still had a lot to learn in terms of experience of world rugby. Now all those players are much more mentally aware and harder, especially in the build-up to important games."

McGeechan played up the key element of teamwork in both sides. "Players in sides which develop over a number of games have an affinity with each other as individuals. When they go out to play, it is for each other as much as for the team," he said.

McGeechan also threw the 1989 British Lions, which he and Roger Uttley, of England, coached in Australia, into the melting pot as an example of sides developing an inner cohesion. It was apposite enough since 15 of those Lions — eight from Scotland — will be involved in the match which Duncan Paterson, Scotland's manager and clearly not a man for hyperbole, described as "one of the biggest events in the history of rugby".

Single elements change, but the core in both these teams has remained much the same: England's team announced on Wednesday includes 13 of those who appeared in the winner-take-all match of 1990 while Scotland's side, announced yesterday, includes just as many from that match (the exceptions being John Allan and George Weir). Thus Sean Lineen, having recovered from a swollen knee, returns to the centre in place of the Melrose youngster, Graham Shiel, who played in the quarter-final against Western Samoa last weekend.

It was, however, a day for talking down as opposed to talking up the match — though it was mentioned that the Princess Royal, patron of the Scottish Rugby Union who will be present, has never seen Scotland lose at Murrayfield. Jim Telfer, McGeechan's assistant and the man who coached Scotland to their 1984 grand slam, believes England to be better than last season and cited last weekend's win over France as an example. "We know how they play, but knowing and beating them are two different things," Telfer added. "They have stepped up their game and are at full potential." Whether Scotland have achieved their optimum, too, Telfer chose not to say.

In Dublin, New Zealand have put Kieran Crowley, the Taranaki full back who joined them at the weekend, on stand-by for the semi-final against Australia on Sunday. They are 80 per cent certain that Terry Wright will have recovered from a rib injury, but, if he has not, then John Timu will not be asked to play full back again as he did with such confidence against Canada in Lille last Sunday.

Instead Timu, who scored two tries in atrociously wet conditions, reverts to the left wing at the expense of Va'aiga Tuigamala. The other change is to the back row where, in the quest for more speed over the ground, Mark Carter plays flanker rather than Paul Henderson.

Gary Whetton should have recovered from a heavy cold and though his lock partner, Ian Jones, did not train yesterday because of a strained thigh muscle, he is not considered doubtful.

SCOTLAND (v England): A G Hastings; A G Stanger, S Hastings, S R P Lineen, I Tukalo; C M Chalmers, G Armstrong; D M B Sole (captain), J Allan, A P Burnell, J Jeffrey, C A Gray, G W Weir, F Calder, D B White. Replacements: P W Dods, A G Shiel, G H Oliver, G R Marshall, A G J Watt, K S Milne.
NEW ZEALAND (v Australia): T J Wright or K J Crowley; J J Kirwan, C R Innes, B J McCahill, J K R Timu; G J Fox, G T M Bishop; S C McDowell, S B T Fitzpatrick, R W Loe, A J Whetton, I D Jones, G W Whetton (captain), M P Carter, Z V Brooke. Replacements: V L Tuigamala, W K Little, J P Preston, A T Earl, G H Purvis, G W Dowd.



Getting a leg up: Sean Lineen rests during training yesterday after being recalled by Scotland for the semi-final

Organisers order enquiry on Dubroca

By DAVID HANDS

FRANCE will be required by the organisers of the Rugby World Cup (RWC) to investigate the events of last Saturday, when Daniel Dubroca, their national coach, verbally abused David Bishop, the match referee, after the quarter-final game in Paris between France and England.

The French federation, moreover, will be asked to report on what action it takes as a result of the investigation. Better late than never, the RWC tournament organisers have appreciated the damage done to the game and to those without whom no game of rugby can be played, the referees.

The request may be construed as implicit criticism of Russ Thomas, the New Zealander, who is chairman of RWC. I understand that there has been disagreement among the RWC directors and officials over his handling of the affair, in which Dubroca admits he called the referee a cheat; other reports suggest he also manhandled Bishop.

In a statement issued yesterday by Ray Williams, the tournament organiser, on Thomas's instructions, it was said that the trigger to further action was the arrival of the referee's written report, signed also by his two touch judges, Keith Lawrence — like Bishop, a New Zealander — and Stephen Hilditch, of Ireland.

"The formal, detailed report has been the trigger for us to act, as we have always said that on matters of individual discipline off the field of play, it is for the relevant union to decide what steps to take. My letter ends with a request for the matter to be dealt with as soon as possible," Williams said.

Bishop's report has not been made public, though the New Zealand Rugby Referees' Association earlier this week seemed happy that they knew how serious the incident in the players' tunnel had been, but it has obviously confirmed the extent of what occurred, much of which had become public knowledge, since there were witnesses in the tunnel.

It is unfortunate that the reports of those witnesses could not have produced a quicker response since, however hard they may try to avoid it, the tournament organisers can only be seen now as responding to pressure five days after the incident rather than taking control of events immediately.

According to *L'Équipe*, the French sports daily, yesterday, Dubroca does not intend to stand down voluntarily. "I will discuss the issue with Albert Ferrasse [president of the French federation] later this week," Dubroca said. "He will decide if he wants to keep me or not."

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Ballesteros denies coughing claims

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN SOTOGRANDE, SPAIN

SEVERIANO Ballesteros yesterday criticised Paul Azinger, the United States Ryder Cup golfer, who had accused the Spaniard of deliberately coughing to distract his opponents. Azinger had also accused Ballesteros of being the "king of gamesmanship" during last month's Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

There, Ballesteros and his partner, José-María Olazábal, had called in the referee after spotting that Chip Beck and Azinger had broken the "one ball" rule in the opening foursomes by switching from a ball of one compression to another.

"If Paul Azinger is now saying that I coughed at certain times then that is ridiculous," Ballesteros said here yesterday. "There is no way I would do that. It is a pity that he says such things because he is a great player. But he wanted to be the hero at the Ryder Cup and it didn't work out that way."

Olazábal, whose partnership with Ballesteros was unbeaten in Europe's defeat, said: "We were both coughing because we were not well that week. We behaved properly when our opponents were playing and if Azinger is saying otherwise it's rubbish. He should not be saying things when it is he and Beck who broke the rules."

Dave Stockton, the United States captain, said this week that after the opening match his objective was to keep Azinger and Ballesteros apart. "I didn't want it becoming a war situation," he said.

Bernard Gallacher, the Europe captain, said that their animosity began at The Belfry in 1989. Azinger refused to allow Ballesteros to change a ball that he said was scuffed.

Ballesteros alleged on that occasion that Azinger had dropped the ball in the wrong place after driving into the water at the 18th hole and having a shot to the green, whereas all the other Americans who had gone in the water did not. However, Azinger's drop was authorised by the referee.

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How Auxerre football club let the side down



Rogan Taylor, chairman of the Football Supporters Association from 1985 to 1989, explains how Auxerre's arrangements for their match with Liverpool made a mockery of the regulations that Uefa introduced to prevent a recurrence of the tragedy that brought a ban on English clubs

JUST think about it . . . you run a business that turns over five or six million pounds a year and you have succeeded in penetrating a lucrative European market. Your product can generate instant, wide demand and substantial profits. Without access to this market, you cannot hope to keep pace with competing firms. But there is one contingency you cannot control. Something can happen — quite easily — that will not only ruin your immediate prospects in a moment but also legally debar your business from any further operations abroad.

If you were chief executive of Liverpool football club, how would you have slept the night before a thousand of your club's supporters made their first return *en masse* to Europe since the Heysel Stadium tragedy in 1985?

Liverpool's Uefa Cup second-round tie against Auxerre on Wednesday was the most important match the club has faced. That, at least, was the opinion of their chief executive, Peter Robinson, the previous day.

Robinson's sentiment had little to do with what might happen on the pitch. What counted more was the behaviour of Liverpool's travelling supporters and the reception they experienced. It was the first real test of the efforts made by the club, the local police, supporters' representatives and travel firms to ensure a safe and well-behaved passage for the supporters.

It was also a test of Uefa, whose regulations cover the playing and organisation of European competitions. After the deaths of 39, mostly Italian, supporters at the Liverpool v Juventus European Cup final in Brussels six years ago, neither the Belgian FA nor Uefa had emerged without criticism.

Liverpool's match on Wednesday was played in a small, respectable French farming town. The prospect of the game may have moistened the lips of Auxerre's football followers as they considered entertaining the once — and past — kings of Europe, but civic leaders were less sure of the attraction.

Just as the mayor of Turin sought to switch the World Cup semi-final last year, when it became apparent that England's supporters would visit the city, the mayor of Auxerre called for the Liverpool match to be moved to Paris. The game remained in Auxerre, although the town's narrow streets and the environs of the stadium were flooded with six companies of the French national riot police.

Liverpool took some of their own police along as well. Originally, Liverpool had requested 2,000 tickets for their supporters. Despite a guarantee that the club would buy any of those tickets it could not sell (a policy which cost £8,000 for the first round tie in Finland), Auxerre would provide only 700 terrace tickets and 150 seats for Liverpool followers.

Auxerre seemed confident they could sell the remaining tickets locally. Liverpool were assured, in line with Uefa regulations, that no tickets would be sold on the day of the match and a ring of police would prevent any approach to the ground by those without tickets. This information was repeatedly broadcast on Merseyside, as supporters were warned not to travel speculatively and that the only tickets available were through the travel agents authorised by the club.

The tickets, with their organised transport attached — accompanied by 22 of Liverpool's regular match-day stewards — were soon accounted for. But, as the club feared and expected, many more supporters unable to get tickets prepared to set out independently.

The organised trips were tightly scheduled to arrive a mere hour or so before kick-off, leaving little time for those on board to enjoy the burgundy — or anything else — Auxerre had to offer. No duty-free or duty-paid alcohol was allowed and the return trip began almost immediately after the game.

As those supporters arrived in Auxerre, having followed all the "official" advice and procedures, the sight that greeted them was of hundreds of other Liverpool supporters enjoying the day-long hospitality of the town, having for the large part bought their tickets for the match that day from Auxerre football club.

Auxerre had not been able to sell all the remaining tickets locally. The television deal the club had made brought forward the kick-off to 6pm, too early for many regular supporters. Consequently — and contrary to Uefa regulations — ticket sales proceeded on the day of the match to anyone with cash to spare.

The local police had no idea how many tickets were now in the hands of Liverpool's independently travelling supporters, yet all of them were to be housed in the same segregrated terrace originally set aside for 700 only.

By the time the match kicked off, nearly twice that number had struggled into the diminutive Liverpool section. For many of those, like myself, who witnessed the Hillsborough tragedy in 1989, the sight of a mass of football supporters with fences to the front and both sides is, to say the least, unnerving. But when one adds the recognition that there was no way the police could know how many Liverpool supporters they would have to accommodate, it becomes sickening. It mocks all the efforts made to plan the event properly.

How are we to attract supporters into well-organised trips abroad (which will hopefully provide more time to enjoy the destination) if they know they can always get tickets, regardless of pre-match warnings? This time, not one Liverpool supporter was arrested — but so easily it could have gone all wrong.

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